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# EDITORIAL

## An Alibi Disappears

For some time now we have advocated better materials engineering both by editorial expressions and by supplying the kind of information materials engineers need. Much of the effort was made with the realization that little could be done about it at the moment. Our advice and help was for the future.

The future we had in mind now appears to be here. With available goods catching up with demand in many fields, we have seen an over-night change in the supply of engineering materials. With one or two exceptions, particularly in metals, supplies are ample or will be in the forseeable future. That this condition is more than wishful thinking is proved by recent drops in metal prices.

So there now disappears a convenient alibi which was used to explain poor merchandise. We have all suffered from it in our private lives, if not in our business activities. It is our opinion that widely publicized materials shortages were often used to camouflage laziness, avarice or lack of knowledge.

Of the three possible reasons, laziness—or lethargy—is probably the biggest culprit. Unfortunately, it is rare that one material can be replaced by another without making some engineering changes. That is, changes in design, processing, finishing or something must be made to take full advantage of the newer material.

Now, it would seem, is the time for the materials engineer, or anyone else charged with selecting and specifying materials, to prove his worth. Sooner or later the complaints which the public has on its mind will come home to the manufacturer. The complaints can take any form, but the most common—and most damaging—is the withholding of business. Eventually the materials man will be drawn into the picture.

If he is on his toes, the materials engineer will have developed what he considers sound materials suggestions and have them ready before he is asked. However, his own convictions will mean little unless he backs them up with convincing data proving lower cost, higher production, longer life, better appearance, or any other desirable improvement.

If on top of being a good engineer, he is a good salesman, our materials man might even sell his ideas for product improvement to his management. That could be one way of demonstrating the value of having materials engineers and prove that this type man can do more than make metallographic studies and prepare specification sheets.

**T. C. Du Mond**
Editor

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*Fig. 1—This magnesium alloy casting is used under wheels to prevent rolling when changing tires.*

# Magnesium Die Castings Offer Weight Saving and Low Cost Advantages

by R. C. CORNELL, Vice President, Litemetal Dicast, Inc.

***The case for die castings of magnesium as compared to those of aluminum and zinc is presented through descriptions of applications in which all three were considered.***

● ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL drawbacks to a more widespread use of magnesium alloy die castings has been their relatively high cost. The experience of Litemetal Dicast, Inc., however, has shown that for many uses magnesium die castings can be produced at a favorable cost as compared to die castings of aluminum and zinc. Besides cost there are, of course, other factors, such as casting properties, weight and performance, that must be considered in arriving at a proper selection. And in many cases, magnesium is also a favorable choice on the basis of these.

From a casting standpoint, the company prefers magnesium to aluminum alloys for the following reasons: castings can be produced, in general, about 20% faster, partly because less heat has to be absorbed and the die can be opened sooner after filling. Ejection of the casting is easier, the metal being more slippery and free from the tendency to stick to cores or "solder" to the die, as is often the case with aluminum.

As opposed to this, there is some tendency with magnesium to surface cracking. Surface imperfections may run higher and there may be more

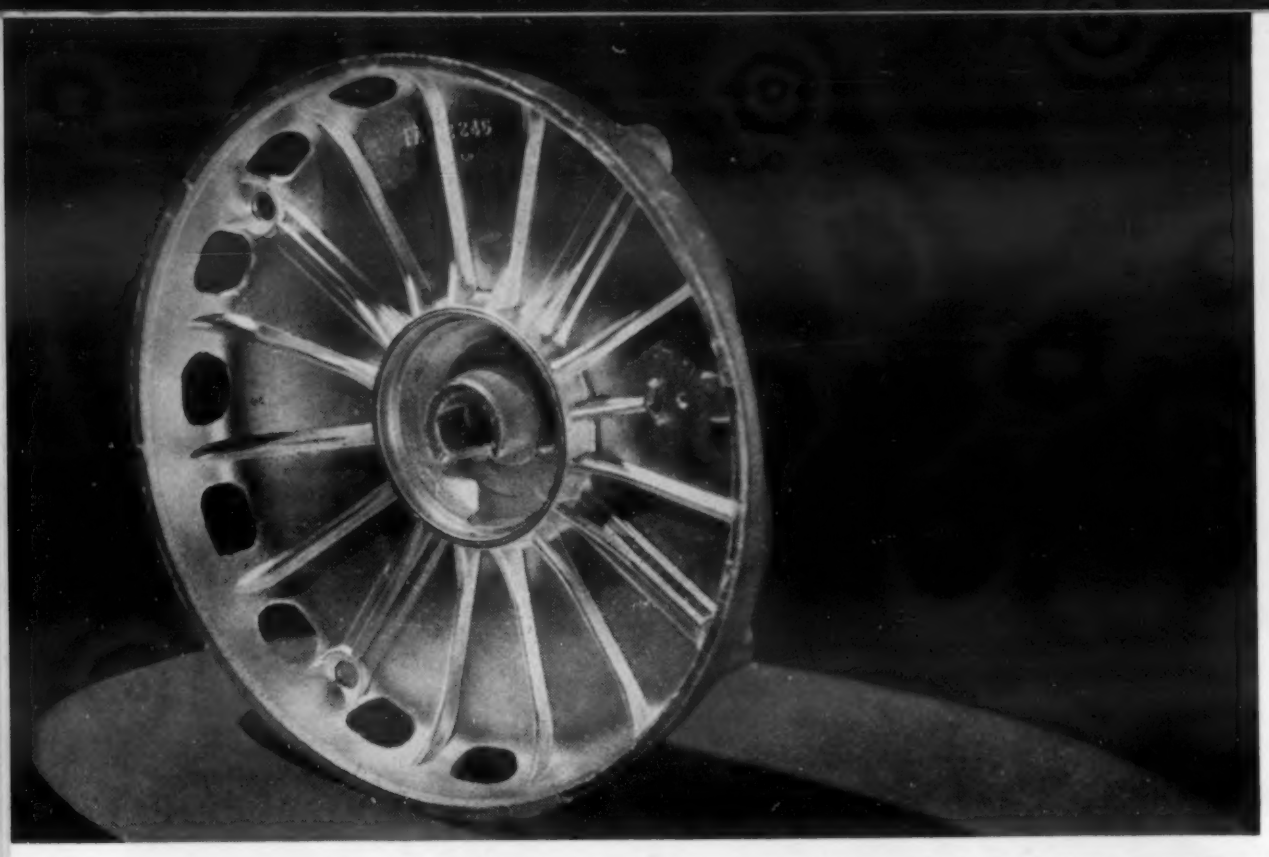


*Fig. 2—End bells for a fractional-horsepower motor. They would cast 15% faster and cost about 8c less per casting than in aluminum alloy.*

*Fig. 3—For this field ring, the die casting rate in magnesium was 20% faster than in aluminum.*

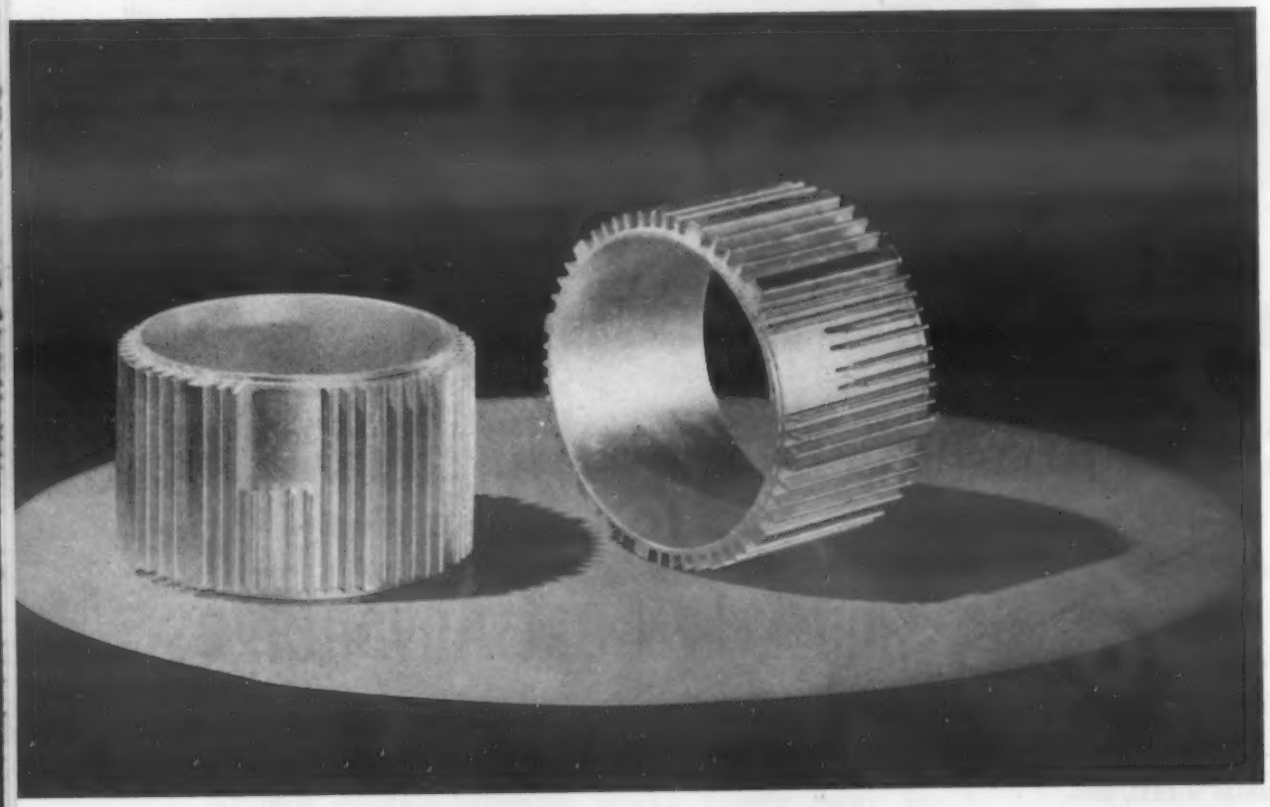


*Fig. 4—Although these toy pistol parts cost less when die cast in magnesium than in aluminum alloy, the latter was used because no applied finish was required.*

castings rejected for failure to fill out. Thus, average rejects may run about 4% with aluminum as against perhaps 10% with magnesium. Melting losses and flux costs are also higher for magnesium and higher injection pressures and injection speeds are commonly needed. Thus, pressures for aluminum are commonly 3,000 to 15,000 psi. and for magnesium 3,000 to 50,000 psi. Injection speeds for aluminum generally are 20 to 100 ft. per min. and for magnesium 60 to 600 maximum, as applied to the injection ram.

It is important that the machine used be well adapted to the metal. Those well suited for magnesium can be used for aluminum, though the reverse is not always true. Generally a heavier machine is required for magnesium, but the same dies can be and often are used unless they happen to be made unusually light and so are not adaptable to the higher pressures for magnesium.

Allowance for shrinkage is about the same for aluminum and for magnesium (0.006 in. per in.); this is greater than that for zinc. For this reason and others, dies well suited for zinc generally are not usable for magnesium or aluminum. Such considerations often have a bearing upon the feasibility of shifts from one alloy to another in the same die.

Following are a number of case histories that should serve to compare die castings made of the three different materials. Where relative costs are given, they are based on *per pound* costs existing at the time the comparisons were made. These are as follows: aluminum alloy (ASTM SC6) 24¢; magnesium alloy (ASTM AZ 91) 23¢; zinc alloy (ASTM XXIII) 18¾¢. It is significant, of course, that magnesium weighs 0.066 lb. per cu. in., or one-third less than aluminum (0.099 lb. per cu. in.) and about one-fourth as much as zinc alloy (0.24 lb. per cu. in.). There are differences in strength, of course, but, if comparisons are made among castings having the same dimensions, including wall thickness, as is generally the case, the cost of metal only is greatly in favor of magnesium alloy. The smaller the casting, however, the less is the advantage in low metal costs per casting.

## Magnesium Die Castings Save Weight

The no-roll castings, Fig. 1, for use in changing car or truck tires, could be cast 26% faster in magnesium

han in aluminum. Castings weigh 2.4 lb. each in aluminum and 1.8 lb. in magnesium, and the price of the latter was 27% lower. As the parts are carried about and often lifted, the lighter weight of the magnesium is a definite advantage.

Fractional horsepower motor end bells, Fig. 2, weigh 0.75 lb. in aluminum, 0.5 lb. in magnesium. The magnesium part was 15% faster to cast and this, together with saving in metal cost, permitted a price per casting nearly 25% lower in magnesium. Weight figures for the field ring, Fig. 3, are the same as those given for the motor end bells but, in this case, although casting was 20% faster in magnesium, the price per piece was only 20% lower, though still significant.

Toy pistol castings, Fig. 4, produced in both aluminum and magnesium weigh 0.49 lb. per set in aluminum and 0.32 lb. in magnesium. The latter proved to be a full 40% faster to produce. This resulted in a price 23% lower for the magnesium set, but production reverted to aluminum because the magnesium castings had to be painted while those in aluminum could be given a bright tumbling finish in bulk at low cost.

## Spools for Wire and Textiles

In Fig. 5 is shown a spool on which wire is wound and shipped. This spool is produced as a one-piece magnesium die casting that weighs 0.49 lb. as against 0.72 lb. for aluminum, called for in the original specification. Cost saving to the customer amounted to 40%, partly because the casting rate is 50% faster and the metal cost is lower. As a part of this shape requires a pair of slides in the die and these leave a parting line that must be removed, the inside flange faces and outer diameter of the tube have to be machined. This is done in an automatic lathe and, because magnesium can be machined faster and more easily than aluminum, the cost saving on this work is estimated at about 1¢ per piece. The purchaser saves also on shipping costs both on castings received and on outgoing shipments; this saving is realized in all cases where magnesium is chosen over heavier metals.

Somewhat similar conditions apply to spools or bobbins for textile applications, of which millions have been die cast by this company. Costs run well below those for aluminum and, in some cases, no machining is required. An advantage for the magnesium is that it avoids the tendency

*Fig. 5—Spools on which wire is wound and shipped. Die casting in magnesium is 50% faster than in aluminum.*

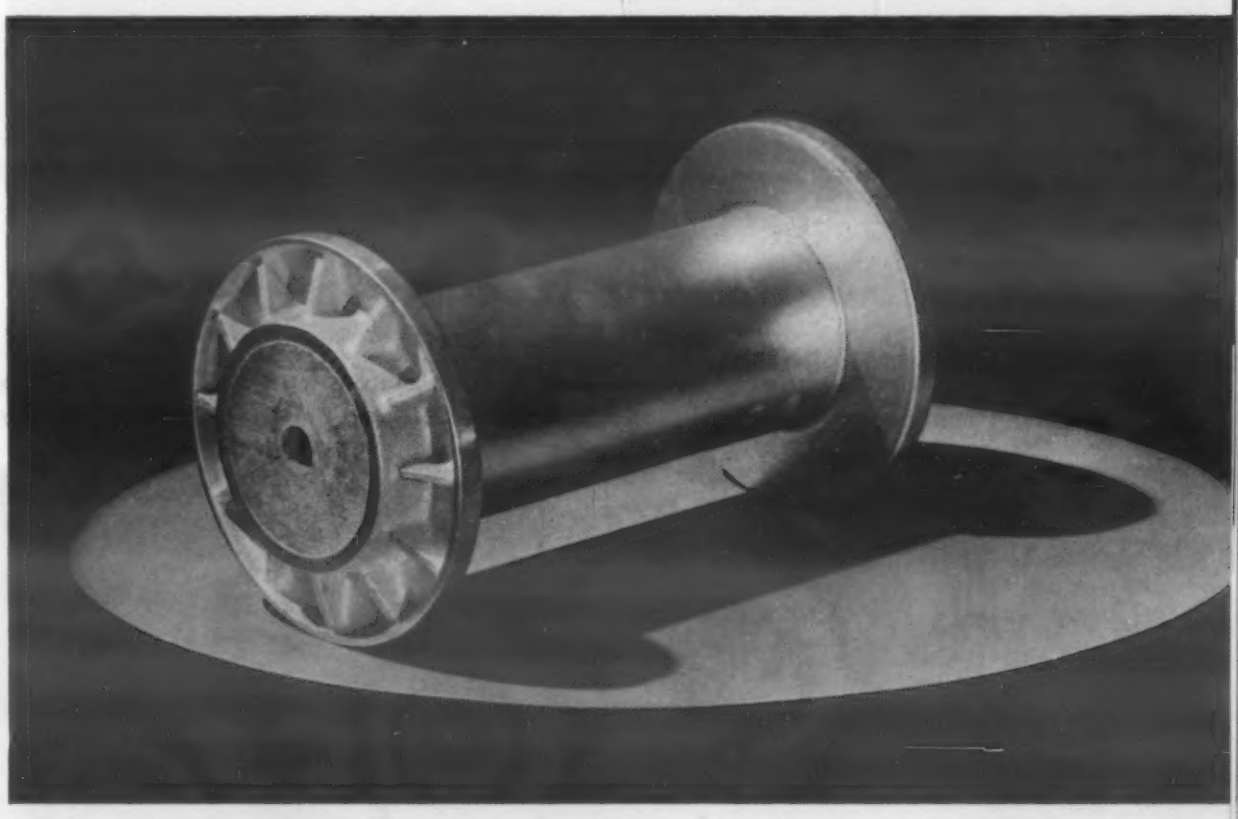
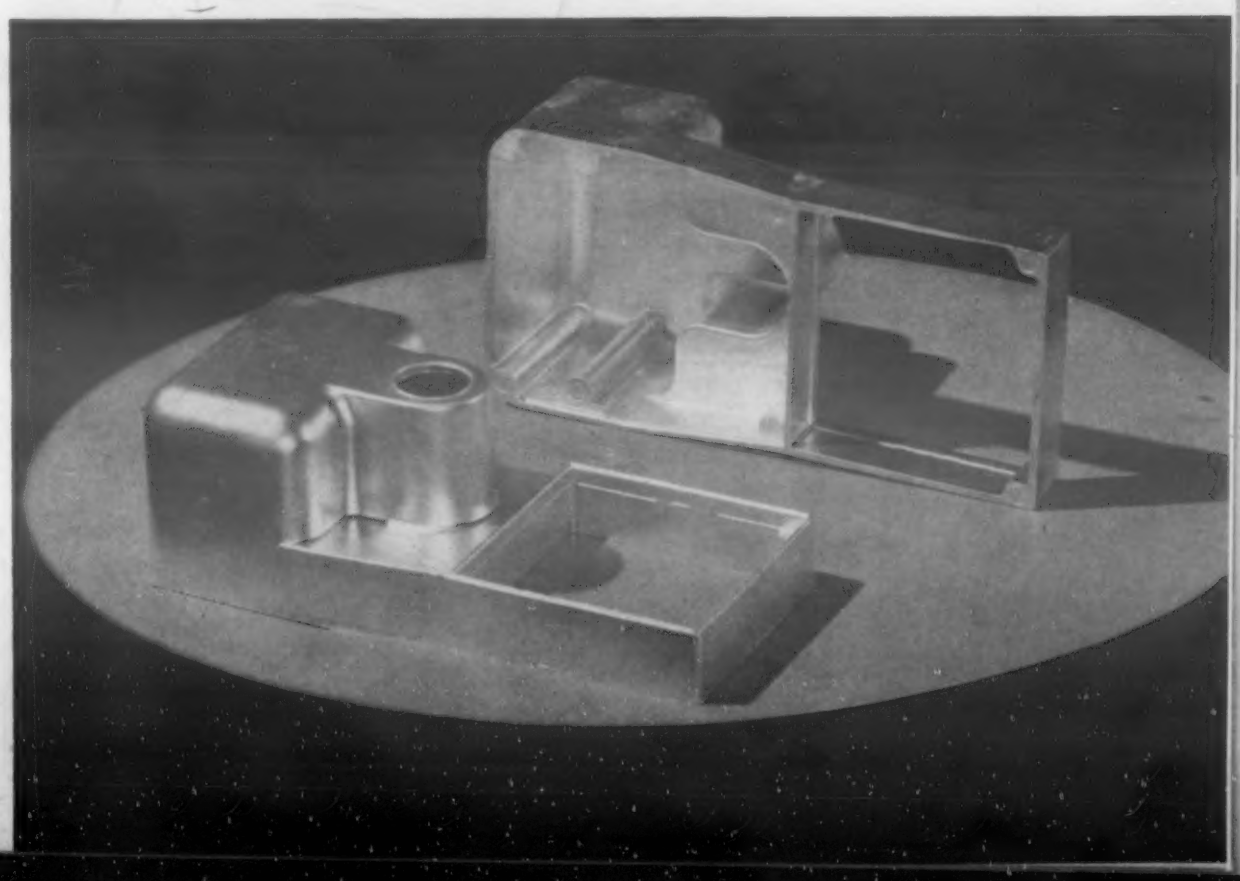


*Fig. 6—One of many magnesium die cast spools or bobbins preferred over aluminum equivalents because lower in cost and better on other scores.*

*Fig. 7—Two views of a magnesium die cast frame for a desk lighter.*



to discolor fine filaments where they contact the metal. Discoloration sometimes occurs with aluminum. It is also easier to provide smoother surfaces where machining is required because the magnesium cuts so freely.

One of many spools used for textile work is shown in Fig. 6. This magnesium casting weighs 2.5 lb. and measures 9 in. long. Flanges are 5½ in. in dia. The bore is cored, of course, and a long core is needed. Such cores become very hot with aluminum but run much cooler with magnesium, because its heat content is so much lower. This accounts in part for a 20% faster casting cycle; there is also less trouble from sticking on cores. Price per piece is 21% lower for magnesium than for aluminum.

Another type of spool is that used on wire recorders. One machine of this type uses a ribbed drum of 6½ in. O.D., which has been produced in both aluminum and zinc alloys at about equal cost. Lower metal cost for aluminum apparently is offset by the higher casting rate feasible with zinc alloy. In this instance, the die used for zinc could be used also for aluminum, but was not strong enough for the pressures required for magnesium. As the drum has to be stopped and accelerated quickly and often, low inertia favors magnesium. However, it has not been used, despite lower estimated cost per casting, because a new die would be needed. Aluminum proved satisfactory and did not require the applied finish essential on magnesium.

For the casting used as a frame for a desk-type cigar lighter and shown from both sides in Fig. 7, magnesium has been chosen over aluminum largely because casting is 17% faster and the lower metal costs permit a saving of 7½¢ per piece, or nearly 20%. In such products, a "hammertone" or similar finish can be used and provides an attractive appearance.

## Other Typical Cases

An interesting case is that of a casting for a home workshop band saw frame having maximum dimensions of 35¼ by 16⅜ in. Average section thickness approximates 3/16 in. The die will be made for casting in aluminum. Weight per casting will approximate 12 lb. This is an unusually large casting for magnesium, but it is believed that it can be made in magnesium and at a rate about 25% faster than for aluminum (though production in this form has not been guaranteed). If casting in magnesium proves successful, however, the price tentatively quoted is $1.20 less per casting than for aluminum. In this event the customer will save also in freight and probably on machining, though little of the latter is needed.

Many gear-type oil pumps for automotive engines have been produced as zinc die castings and applied with a large measure of success. But, in some cases, faces of castings in contact with sides (or ends) of the steel spur gears have suffered scuffing or galling. The metal picked up sometimes wears an annular groove in the cast face, and pumps do not function as required. It is reported that similar pumps, but having housings die cast in magnesium alloy, were used on nearly all German cars and trucks as well as on some German aircraft engines before and during the recent war. It is also stated that no scuffing occurs on such castings.

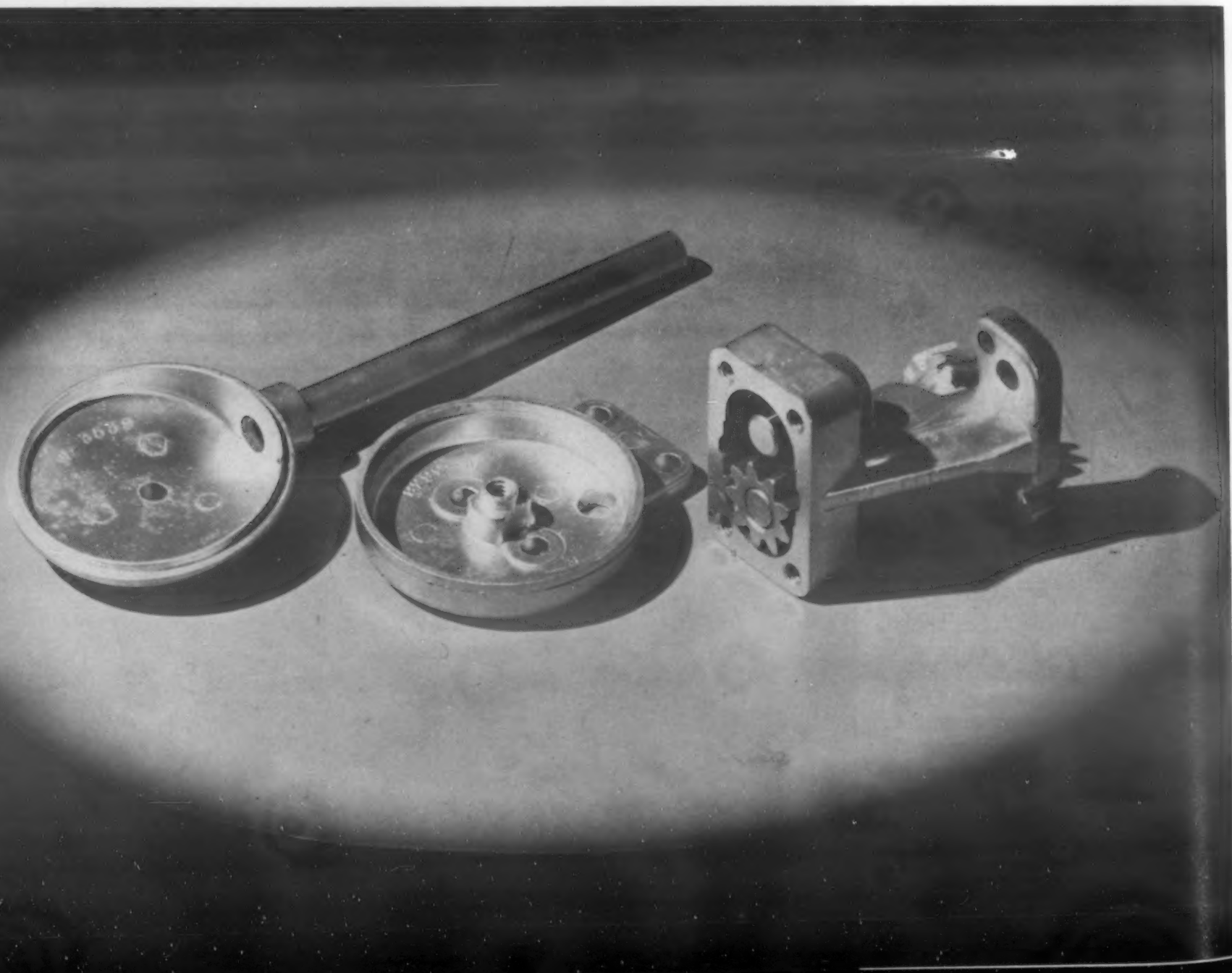
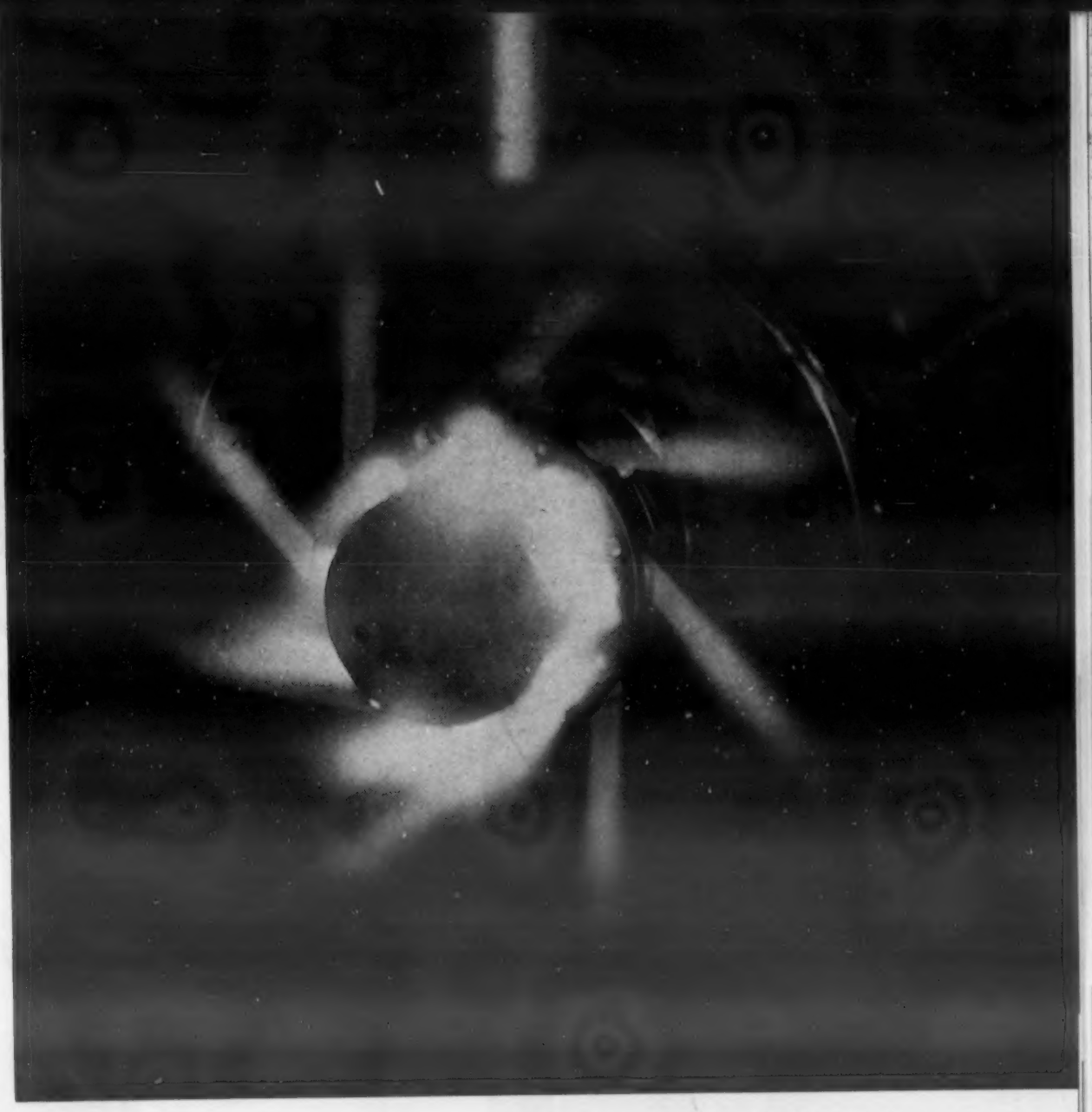


*Fig 8—These three die castings would be produced at about the same price in zinc and in aluminum alloys. However, a price reduction of about 12% is anticipated through conversion to magnesium.*



A cam ring undergoing localized heating.

# Automatic Flame Hardening Steps Up Production of Steel Cams

***The technique used and the results obtained in these cam rings point-up the advantages of localized hardening with automatic flame machines.***

**by HERBERT CHASE**

• AMONG THE DIFFICULT PARTS to process in Buick's Dynaflow torque converter is a cam ring having eight internal recesses, the inclined surfaces which must be hardened while adjacent areas must remain soft. Local hardness must be sufficient to resist the high pressure of overriding clutch rollers, but if the hardness extends into adjacent areas, especially around holes drilled at right angles near the incline, cracking of the ring in service may result.

For about a year, the localized heating of the critical areas shown in the accompanying sketch of the part was done on three 20-kw. induction heating machines. Each of these had indexing fixtures and two hairpin heating coils. The latter had to be quite small to enter the spaces in which they fitted, and because of their size could not be made very sturdy. Considerable trouble was encountered in holding the coils in such position that heating was uniform and confined to the areas required. This was not a fault of the machines themselves. Trouble arose in keeping the coils and indexing equipment, designed to work automatically, set and operating as required.

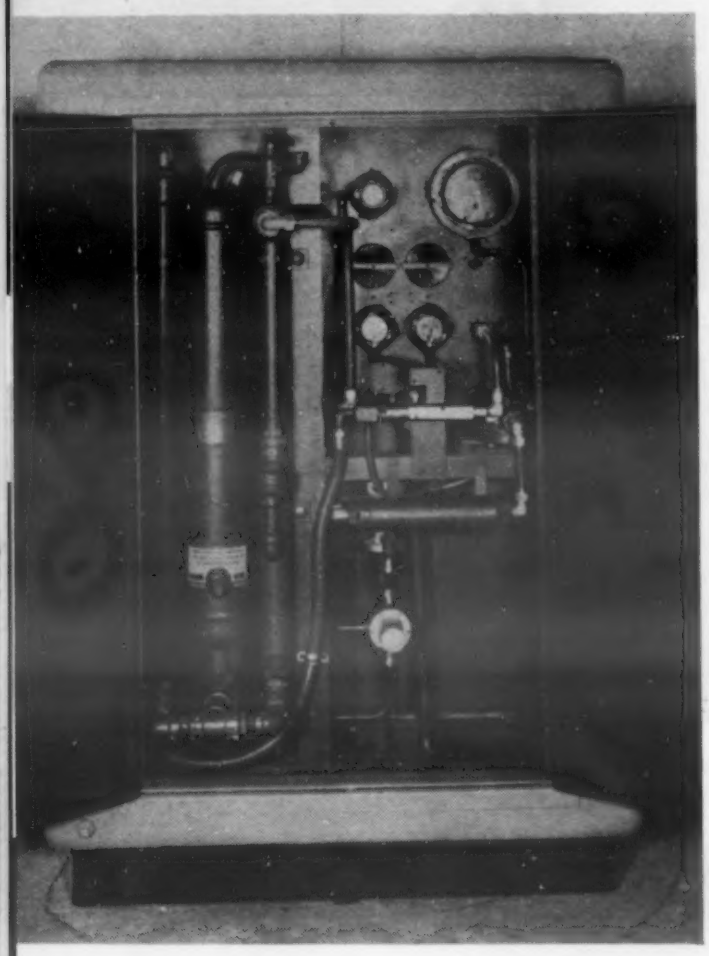
As only two areas could be heated at a time, each ring had to be indexed four times to complete the entire hardening operation. Therefore, it required three machines, loaded in rotation by one man, to secure a production of 60 rings an hr. Because of this and the high percentage of rejects, another method of hardening was sought.

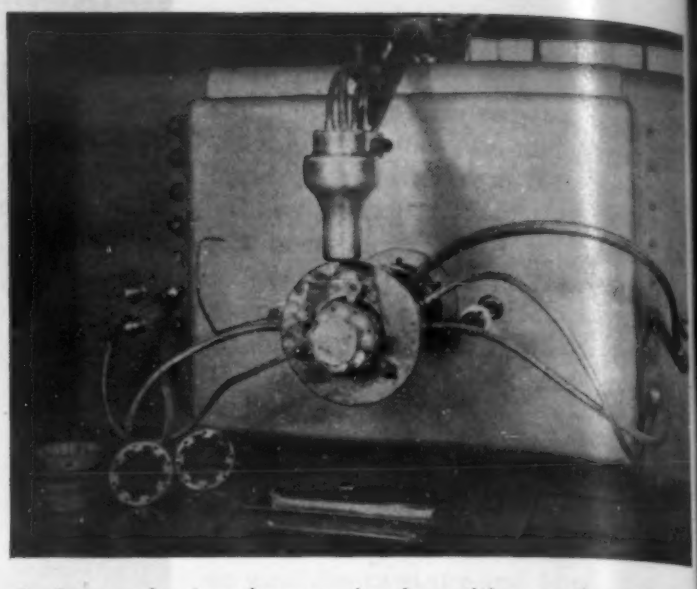
A shift to localized flame hardening was considered and, after much experimental work, it was found that the job could be done with satisfactory results by correct application of the Cincinnati "Flamatic" hardening machine. In this machine, the heating is done with gas flames whose location, adjustment and heating effects are precisely controlled.

## The Flame Hardening Equipment

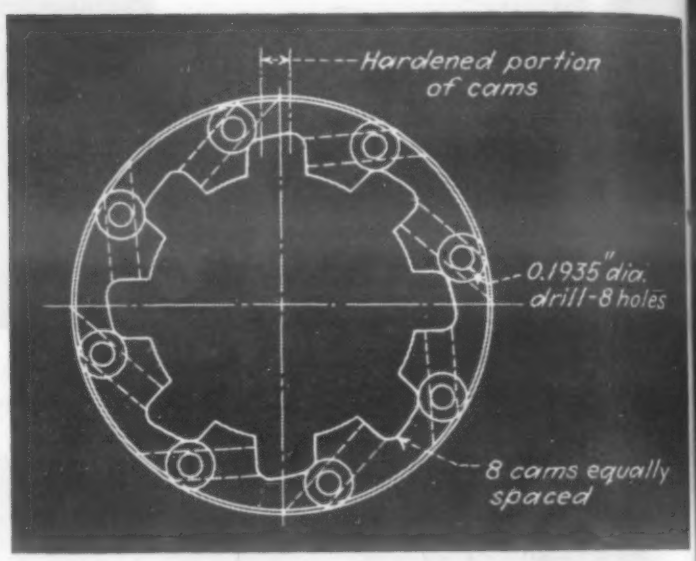
The machine consists of an arbor

*Cabinet containing equipment for proportioning and feeding propane and oxygen to flame hardening machine.*





*A closeup showing the cam ring in position on the arbor and being heated. Above ring is a Rayotube focused on a point on the ring O.D. just above the surface being heated.*



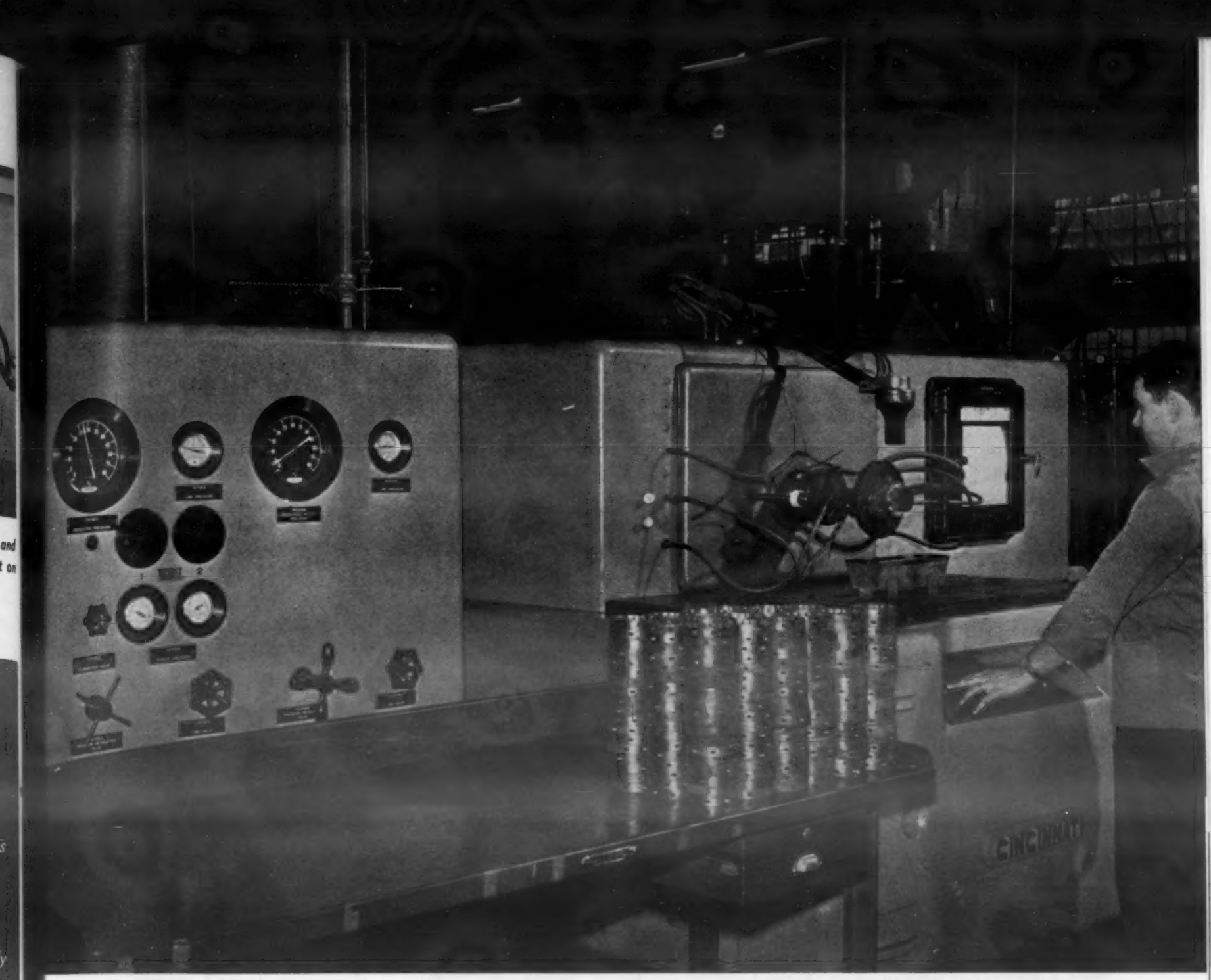

*Drawing of one of three similar cam rings for the Dynaflow torque converter shows bearing surfaces that are flame hardened.*

support for the work (the arbor can be rotated but remains fixed for this application), a series of gas jets that are precisely sized and located, a means for feeding gas through the jets at a controlled rate, and igniting it and shutting it off when the work is up to temperature. An ejector pushes the piece off the arbor into a quench tank and the rings fall onto a wire belt conveyor, by which they are removed from the quench and deposited in a tote box.

An important part of this machine is the sensitive electronic temperature control using a Leeds & Northrup Rayotube that includes a thermopile on which a lens focuses the radiant energy emitted by a critical area of the ring being heated. The emf generated in the thermopile is transmitted to an indicating recorder so arranged that gas flow is shut off automatically and the ring being heated is ejected into a quench tank the instant the area on which the Rayotube is focused attains the temperature for which the recorder has been set. This temperature, of course, is that which has been found to indicate that the areas to be heat treated have attained the required quenching temperature. Control of the temperature is so close that the required depth of hardness penetration is assured and, as a result, adjacent areas remain soft, as desired. Careful checks have shown that a high degree of uniformity is attained, with the result that scrap that ran up to 10% in the induction heating setup has been virtually eliminated.

Besides the electronic and electric units already mentioned, there is equipment for indicating and controlling gas flow and gas pressures. Both the pressure and the composition of the heating gas are automatically controlled, for even small variations in these changes the hardness pattern since they affect the time that elapses after ignition until the temperature set is attained. The Rayotube and recorder circuits are responsive only to radiant heat of the surface on which the tube is focused. This surface is a portion of the outer diameter of the ring directly opposite to that of the topmost cam surface being heated; as soon as this surface reaches the temperature set, gas is shut off automatically.

Ejection of the ring into the oil quench is accomplished by automatic retraction of the arbor the instant that the cam surfaces are up to heat and the gas flow is shut off. The machine includes automatic control of the temperature of the quench by pumping the oil through a water cooled heat exchanger. Speed of the quench conveyor belt is variable and is set so that the rings are discharged to a tote box at the desired temperature.




*Complete view of flame hardening machine. After heating, rings drop through a chute into a quench tank. At left is unit for controlling propane and oxygen flow.*

## Hardening Technique

Three different styles of cam rings, two having eight surfaces and one having six surfaces to be hardened, are handled on this machine, and each style has its own arbor. Arbor changes can be made in about 15 min. Each arbor is water cooled and has a set of eight ports or tiny jet openings for each cam face, which measures about ¾ in. square. Jet holes are produced by a No. 65 drill; three or four holes are uniformly spaced in a line to heat each cam surface. The number of holes needed depends upon the width of cam face being heated. Back of the ring is a water cooled plate that helps to keep heating confined to areas in which it is wanted.

The machine is operated by one man who loads the machine and starts the cycle. One machine can harden at the rate of more than three times that previously attained with three induction heating machines. Cost reduction is appreciable even without allowing for the near elimination of scrap. And elimination of scrap is important, as the rings are expensive, partly because they have to undergo numerous machining operations before they are ready for heat treatment.

Heating time ranges from 9 to 12 sec. Loading requires 3 to 4 sec., hence the total time of the cycle is 16 sec. maximum and about four pieces a min. are heated and quenched. The operator merely loads each piece and presses the starting button. When the set temperature is attained and gas is shut off, the piece is instantly pushed off the arbor and drops into the oil quench.

Gas supply for the machine comes from outdoor tanks, one stationary tank holding 1,000 gal. of propane and two trailer units carrying 20,000 cu. ft. of oxygen each. Gas supply pressure is set at 15 psi. on the propane and 100 psi. on the oxygen; flow to jets is controlled and proportioned by regulators in a cabinet back of the regulator panel. This cabinet includes a safety flash-back chamber on the propane line. Pressure gages and manual control valves are on the front of the panel.

Adjustments are such that the gas mixture supplied to the jets contains one part propane to three of oxygen, by volume. It requires about ¼ cu. ft. of propane and ¾ cu. ft. of oxygen per ring to do the heating. The flames are slightly reducing so that little or no scale is produced.

Once the machine is set up and adjusted for the part to be heat treated, operation is fully automatic except for hand loading each ring and starting the cycle by pressing a button. Since the human element is largely eliminated, the results secured are uniform.

***The exacting requirements of high temperature service demand high quality forging alloys and closely controlled forging practice.***

# Forging Alloys for High Temperature Service

by **L. S. FULTON,** Universal Cyclops Steel Corp.

• CONSIDERABLE INVESTIGATIVE work has been done during the past four years upon high temperature alloys for use in jet aircraft engines and gas turbines developed as prime movers. The really unbelievable temperatures and stresses to which the moving parts of these power plants are subjected require alloys having exceptionally high physical properties at elevated and room temperatures, high rupture stress values, good creep strength and damping capacity, considerable endurance, and high resistance to oxidation and corrosion. In addition, they must be capable of being hot-worked, welded, and machined without too much difficulty.

The types of forgings required for jet aircraft engines, gas turbine power plants, mobile and stationary, and powdered coal turbines for locomotives can be covered in three general classifications: (1) Alloy steel forgings that are used as shafts, gears, and other members. (2) Disks, contour forged wheels, rotor forgings, and compressor wheels that are fabricated from some special alloy to withstand the necessary stresses. (3) Blade and bucket forgings, also usually of some special alloy designed to meet the complex stresses these parts must resist in operation.

The materials in the first group follow the forging practice customary for low alloy steels. The second and third groups make use of many materials, from aluminum alloys used in the cold end of the compressor to such alloys as N-155, S-590 and S-816, used for turbine wheels, and other parts requiring high strength at high temperatures. In addition to the aluminum alloys, the alloys currently used can be divided into: (1) iron-base, (2) nickel-base, and (3) cobalt-base alloys. Compositions of some of the commonly used alloys are given in the accompanying table.

There are other alloys, including iron-base, nickel-base and cobalt-base materials, that are under development at present. However, sufficient data have not been obtained about their performance and workability to discuss them as yet. Of the cobalt-base alloys, only S-816 and vitallium have been forged successfully at the present time; the other alloys have been used primarily as precision castings.

## Production of Forging Billets

It may be well to discuss first the fabrication of billets and rough turned rounds for the forge shop's ultimate use. The writer's company is primarily interested in supplying billets and rounds for subsequent forging operations. Until recently billets for turbine wheels were required in from 3-in. rounds to 8½-in. squares. Billets of highly alloyed material are now being asked for up to 20-in. squares with good surface conditions and sound centers.

The usual practice is to melt in an ingot mold of such size that there will be a reduction of at least 3 to 1 from ingot to billet. The material is melted to a controlled grain size; for many uses No. 1 grain size or smaller is satisfactory. The ingots are either preheated or are charged into a cool furnace and heated to 1900 to 2150 F in a neutral or slightly oxidizing atmosphere. First operations under a press or hammer are very light until the metal starts to flow, when the amount of reduction can be increased, using ordinary precautions required for highly alloyed materials. The billet is press-cogged, and ground all over, and the process of working down is continued. About 95% of the material is forged on flat dies. Precautions must be taken to prevent its going to a V-shape, as the center would be ruptured in returning it to a round. Close temperature control is necessary at all times both in preheating and in heating to the required forging temperature.

When reducing to intermediate size, forging is stopped on most alloys at about 1800 F or slightly less, and the semiforged material reheated. The

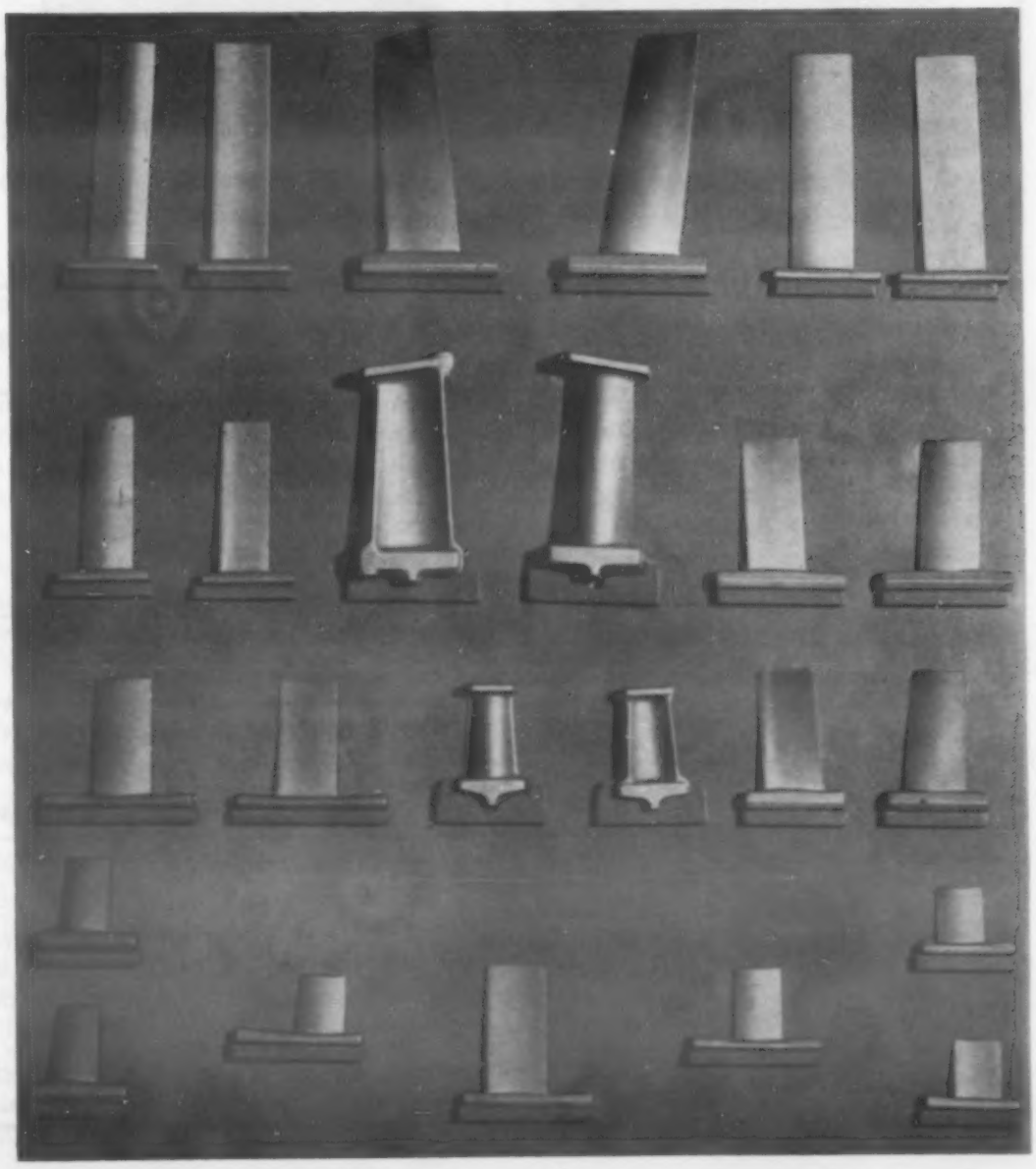
*Great care must be exercised in producing the high alloy billets. Here a heated billet is shown emerging from the billet heating furnace. (Courtesy: Porter-Blairsville Co.)*

number of reheatings depends upon the original size of the ingot and the material involved. Three or four heatings are usually required with material of low alloy content, and as many as eight or more with such alloys as S-816. After reduction, all billets are given two or three grindings, and are stress relieved; smaller bars are given four or five grinding, rough turning, or centerless grinding operations to produce the finished size required.

## Classes of Forging Alloys

There are two classes of material now being generally used for turbine wheels: (1) Those grades that necessitate hot cold-working to produce the required physical properties; and (2) those that require solution treatment and age hardening to meet requirements. Under these classes it will be found, however, that some engineers request that all material be hot-worked whether it be of the lower alloy content or not. To forge wheels or rotors of the material of the first class requires billets with exceptionally good surface and with no harmful center segregation. These billets after being cut into multiples are semi-blocked, blocked, and then allowed to cool for surface inspection. Any defects present are removed by grinding. The billet is again reheated to

*A typical group of forged turbine buckets (the four in center) and compressor blades. Buckets are of S-816 alloy and blades are of 403 stainless steel.*



the recommended temperature and forged to some predetermined size, allowing sufficient material to remain so that it can be hot cold-worked from 10 to 20% at a temperature of about 1250 F for most materials, 1325 F for others. The billets are then stress relieved at 1200 F for a definite period of time, usually from 4 to 16 hr., depending upon size.

It is rather difficult to give the exact amount of reduction in the various forging operations because each turbine wheel requires an entirely different forging technique to produce the properties required in the specification.

Billets in the second classification also must be free from surface defects and have sound centers. They are heated to recommended forging temperatures in a neutral or slightly oxidizing atmosphere. As these alloys are much stiffer at forging temperatures than ordinary alloy steels, they cannot be worked to any extent at low temperatures, and must be reheated as often as necessary to insure proper hot working. Close control of temperatures is a necessity to avoid danger of burning if too hot and cracking if too cold.

After forging alloys such as S-590 and N-155, it is necessary to solution treat by heating to temperatures of 2100 to 2250 F, and to cool quickly in oil, water, or air to produce best structures for the application intended. They are then aged at temperatures of 1200 to 1500 F, depending somewhat upon actual operating temperature, and air cooled.

## Forging Methods and Equipment

The sizes of turbine wheels and disks involved vary considerably, and the type and size of forging hammers used to produce them usually run from 10,000-lb. to 35,000-lb. size. There have been some cases where the smaller wheels have been produced on hammers as small as 4,000 lb. To produce the wheels requiring the hot cold-working is an exceptionally difficult task, and is very hard on dies and hammer parts.

As the number of forged turbine wheels is quite small compared to the quantities of compressor blades and turbine buckets made, considerably more time has been devoted to developing die steels and forging techniques for the latter parts. Forging equipment presently consists of 1500-, 2000-, 2500- and 3000-lb. hammers, No. 5 Maxi-presses and the equivalent Ajax presses, and hot upsetting machines. It is the opinion of many that there is some advantage in the use of hammers in that improved die life is the rule. Presses are faster,

**Compositions of Some High Temperature Forging Alloys**

| TYPICAL IRON-BASE ALLOYS | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alloying Elements | Timken | 19-9-DL | G-T-45 | N-153 | S-588 | N-155 | S-590 | G-18-B |
| C | 0.15 | 0.26 | 0.08 | 0.10 | 0.42 | 0.10 | 0.49 | 0.40 |
| Mn | 1.14 | 0.52 | 1.25 | 1.50 | 1.50 | 1.54 | 0.60 | 0.80 |
| Si | 0.84 | 0.57 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.80 | 0.44 | 0.21 | 0.90 |
| Cr | 16.75 | 18.95 | 17.30 | 17.00 | 18.38 | 21.44 | 19.50 | 12.80 |
| Ni | 25.62 | 9.05 | 13.80 | 15.00 | 20.31 | 20.40 | 19.78 | 13.26 |
| Co | — | — | — | 13.00 | — | 19.82 | 19.35 | 10.42 |
| Mo | 6.29 | 1.22 | 2.90 | 3.00 | 4.18 | 2.96 | 3.95 | 1.62 |
| W | — | 1.19 | — | 2.00 | 3.08 | 2.11 | 4.15 | 2.89 |
| Cb | — | 0.30 | 0.45 | 1.00 | 4.69 | 1.08 | 4.04 | 3.28 |
| Ti | — | 0.21 | 0.30 | — | — | — | — | — |
| N | 0.14 | — | (Cu 3.10) | 0.14 | — | 0.14 | — | — |
| Fe | Bal. | Bal. | Bal. | Bal. | Bal. | Bal. | Bal. | Bal. |

| TYPICAL NICKEL-BASE ALLOYS | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alloying Elements | Hastelloy B | Hastelloy C | Refractalloy | Nimonic 80 |
| C | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.03 | 0.04 |
| Mn | 0.60 | 0.70 | 0.70 | 0.56 |
| Si | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.65 | 0.47 |
| Cr | — | 15.00 | 17.90 | 21.18 |
| Co | — | — | 20.00 | — |
| Mo | 28.00 | 17.00 | 3.03 | — |
| W | — | 5.00 | — | — |
| Ti | — | — | 2.99 | 2.44 |
| Al | — | — | 0.25 | 0.63 |
| Fe | 5.00 | 5.00 | 19.00 | 1.00 |
| Ni | Bal. | Bal. | Bal. | Bal. |

| TYPICAL COBALT-BASE ALLOYS | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alloying Elements | S-816 | Vitallium | 61 | 6059 | 422-19 | X-40 |
| C | 0.36 | 0.30 | 0.42 | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.48 |
| Mn | 0.40 | 0.35 | 0.28 | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.64 |
| Si | 0.28 | 0.55 | 0.57 | 0.65 | 0.51 | 0.72 |
| Cr | 20.24 | 28.70 | 24.21 | 24.61 | 24.75 | 25.15 |
| Ni | 20.51 | 2.00 | 1.00 | 33.00 | 15.92 | 9.69 |
| Mo | 3.85 | 5.57 | — | 5.34 | 6.08 | — |
| W | 4.39 | — | 5.38 | — | — | 7.23 |
| Cb | 3.92 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Fe | 3.28 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Co | Bal. | Bal. | Bal. | Bal. | Bal. | Bal. |

however.

Impressions in the dies are being produced by the conventional die-sinking methods, hot typing or cold hubbing. These latter two methods are not in wide use but should be used more widely when the techniques are learned and as equipment becomes available.

The material used most extensively at present for dies is the low carbon 5% chromium-molybdenum-tungsten grade, and it has had great success. The heat treatment of these dies is very important, and should insure freedom from carburization and decarburization, and keep scaling to a minimum. They are usually tempered to a hardness of Rockwell C 50 to 53, though at times they are used at a somewhat higher hardness. A double tempering is recommended, with a final bluing by reheating to a temperature just below that of the last tempering operation. Prior to placing the dies in service the surfaces should be carefully polished to remove all tool marks and scratches. Recent practice has shown that vapor blast or liquid honing methods give fine results.

As the compressor blades and vanes are not subjected to as high operating temperatures as the turbine buckets, materials such as carbon and low alloy steels, aluminum, and SAE 403 steel are used for them. These can be precision cast or forged. At present, however, the greater quantity are formed from turbine quality SAE 403 material. The usual practice is to upset the root section to a favorable size and then to forge in the finishing impression. No exact procedure has been adopted as standard, due to the different end results. Since these materials have been forged for many years, they will not be discussed here.

The most important and by far the most difficult forging operation is the fabrication of turbine buckets. Only the most highly alloyed materials are used for this application, and the designs for these blades, some of which are still held as confidential, are such that the actual forging requires innumerable operations. The root sections on these buckets are either upset or extruded, after which they are forged in repeated operations under small hammers. Forging heat is lost quite rapidly after two or three blows on most of the materials, and consequently, numerous reheatings are necessary as the operation progresses. The most commonly used bucket material at the present time is S-816, though such alloys as Timken, 19-9-DL, N-155, Inconel X, and Hastelloy B and C are also used. All the material supplied to the forge shops is in the centerless ground condition.

*Improved forging alloys have played an important part in the advances made in jet aircraft engines.*

*Here shown is a typical compressor wheel for high temperature service. Left, the disk as forged; right, after machining and with blading attached.*

In the upset or extruding process the material is usually heated to the proper temperature in induction heating furnaces, and the semifinished forgings are heated in controlled atmosphere furnaces to produce a surface as free from contamination as possible. It is usual practice to give the semifinished forgings an anodic pickling to detect the presence of surface defects, using phosphoric acid as the electrolyte. Any defects found are ground out and the forging is continued.

It should always be remembered that these alloys are liable to rupture in the initial forging stages, and proper precautions should be taken at this point to control the reduction necessary for subsequent forging. Close control of temperature must be maintained at all times.

After these forgings have been fabricated, treated and machined, they are subjected to various types of inspection, such as Magnaflux, Zyglo, ultrasonic, and X-ray examination. Any inherent flaws that may be detrimental to the proper functioning of the part are cause for rejection. To meet these requirements it is necessary for the forge shop to obtain material as sound as can be produced, and to use utmost care in the fabrication of this material.

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# Special Oxide Film on Steel Provides Electrical Insulation

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***Blue iron oxide produced on silicon steels by steam atmosphere treatment serves as an effective insulating medium in electrical machinery.***

• ONE PROBLEM continually facing engineers is the selection of a proper material or process for electrically insulating, from one another, the punchings which make up the laminated iron cores of electrical machinery. Years ago a type of inexpensive varnish, known as core plate enamel, was used for this purpose; more recently, many laminations have been coated with sodium silicate. Although core plate enamel and sodium silicate provide good insulation, they have been found undesirable for certain applications such as flood control machinery or railway motors. In order to find a substitute for core plate enamel and sodium silicate for these and other applications, a development program was carried out. As a result, a method was developed for producing on electrical steel thin, tightly adherent oxide films that provide satisfactory insulation and good paint adherence while making a negligible change in space factor (the percent of space occupied by magnetic material).

Briefly, the method consists of exposing silicon steel laminations to a steam atmosphere at a temperature of about 930 F. It has been found to produce a satisfactory oxide film on all grades of electrical steel having either a high or low silicon content. In general, the low silicon grades are best suited to the process, but even the 4.5% silicon steels oxidize sufficiently for most applications.

The most important feature of the steam oxidation process is the consistency of the film produced. Red oxide, which is loose, powdery, and easily brushed off, is not formed under the conditions existing in the furnace. The blue film produced by this process is very thin, tenacious, and has a high electrical resistance.

This film is found to be a satisfactory answer to the resistance problem in applications where core plate enamel and sodium silicate cannot be used because of the severe conditions under which the completed machine must operate. As a rule, the resistance between laminations is better than that obtained with core plate enamel and sodium silicate. In part this is due to the fact that bright portions of the punchings and burrs are most effectively coated with the blue oxide film, whereas core plate enamel and sodium silicate fail to wet and adhere to these portions of the laminations.

During 1947 steam oxidation was applied to about 400,000 lb. of laminations which were used, for the most part, in flood control and transportation motors. Insulation measurements on each production charge indicated that the oxide film adequately prevented excess circulating currents between laminations.

## Methods of Producing Oxide

When interlaminar insulation alone and not stress relief annealing is required, steam oxidation can be carried out in a batch type process in which the laminations are stacked on heavy plates and the plates are stacked one above the other on the hearth of the furnace. After the charge is built, an inner cover is lowered over it and the junction of the inner cover and the hearth is sealed with sand. A steam inlet pipe passes under the inner cover to the center of the charge. After the hearth is placed on the furnace car, the car is pulled into the furnace, the steam pipe is connected to the steam generator, and the door of the furnace is closed.

The oxidizing cycle consists of heating the charge to a temperature such that no part of it is below the boiling point of water, and then admitting steam. The temperature is increased until it reaches about 930 F, where it is held long enough to insure that the entire charge reaches a uniform temperature. After a short soaking period, the charge is cooled slowly to about 570 F, the steam flow is stopped, and the car is withdrawn from the furnace.

For certain purposes the magnetic material must be annealed before the oxide insulation film is formed. The annealing step is carried out separately from the oxidation step. The material is annealed at temperatures of 1335 F and higher in a reducing atmosphere to reduce any oxides originally present on the magnetic material and to avoid forming any

iron oxide at these temperatures. Then the annealed material is cooled in the reducing atmosphere to a temperature of below 1060 F, but above 750 F, and steam is admitted to produce the blue insulating oxide film.

It was found that these annealing and oxide film forming steps must be carried out under these precise conditions to secure high quality oxide insulation on the magnetic material. For example, in one case when magnetic material was annealed above the critical temperature in a slightly oxidizing atmosphere before oxidizing in steam at a lower temperature, an oxide was produced which was similar in appearance to that of high quality oxide insulation except that it had an interlaminar resistance approximately 1/100 of that obtained in the low temperature steam oxidation process.

A comparative study was made by X-ray diffraction analysis of the two different oxide films. In the first attempt along this line, an X-ray diffraction pattern of the coatings was obtained by reflecting X-rays from the coating on the steel. The pattern obtained from bare steel was then subtracted from the pattern obtained from the steel and oxide film together. This method of analysis indicated that both the low and high resistance films were substantially equivalent and were predominantly black iron oxide or magnetite ($Fe_3O_4$).

When X-ray diffraction patterns were made of oxide powder removed from some of the low resistance laminations, it was found that iron lines in the pattern, formerly attributed to the steel in the base metal, were still present. This meant that the low resistance oxide film contained a large amount of finely divided metallic iron. This analysis was repeated for the high resistance films and it was found that very little metallic iron was present in them. Subsequently, a semi-quantitative X-ray diffraction analysis was made which showed that the high resistance oxide contained less than 15% metallic iron, while the low resistance oxide contained about 50% metallic iron. This satisfactorily accounts for the difference in electrical resistance of the two types of oxide.

It was found that under controlled oxidizing conditions above 1060 F, the predominant oxide formed is ferrous oxide (FeO). When FeO is subsequently cooled, it becomes unstable and decomposes between 1060 and 570 F into $Fe_3O_4$ and metallic iron. Controlled oxidation below 1060 F produces $Fe_3O_4$, which does not subsequently decompose.

When annealing is not required, temperatures between 750 F and 1020 F are selected as the maximum oxidizing temperature and, therefore,

*Silicon steel laminations being stacked on the hearth, before placing in the furnace.*

FeO is not formed. When oxidation occurs above 1060 F due to the presence of steam or oxygen in the annealing zone, FeO is formed which later decomposes into $Fe_3O_4$ and metallic iron. Contamination of the film by a large amount of finely divided particles of metallic iron results in poor insulation between laminations.

This explanation of the difference in composition between high resistance and low resistance oxide films has been used effectively in the design of annealing and oxidizing processes and furnaces. If it is desired to anneal and oxidize in a continuous furnace, it appears advisable to bright anneal the punchings and cool them below 1060 F in a reducing atmosphere. Then a portion of the charge advances to the oxidizing chamber through a transfer chamber, which can be quickly purged of oxidizing gases. In the case of a batch type process, a bell type furnace with an inner cover is used and the reducing atmosphere is flushed out and replaced by an oxidizing atmosphere after charge has cooled below 1060 F.

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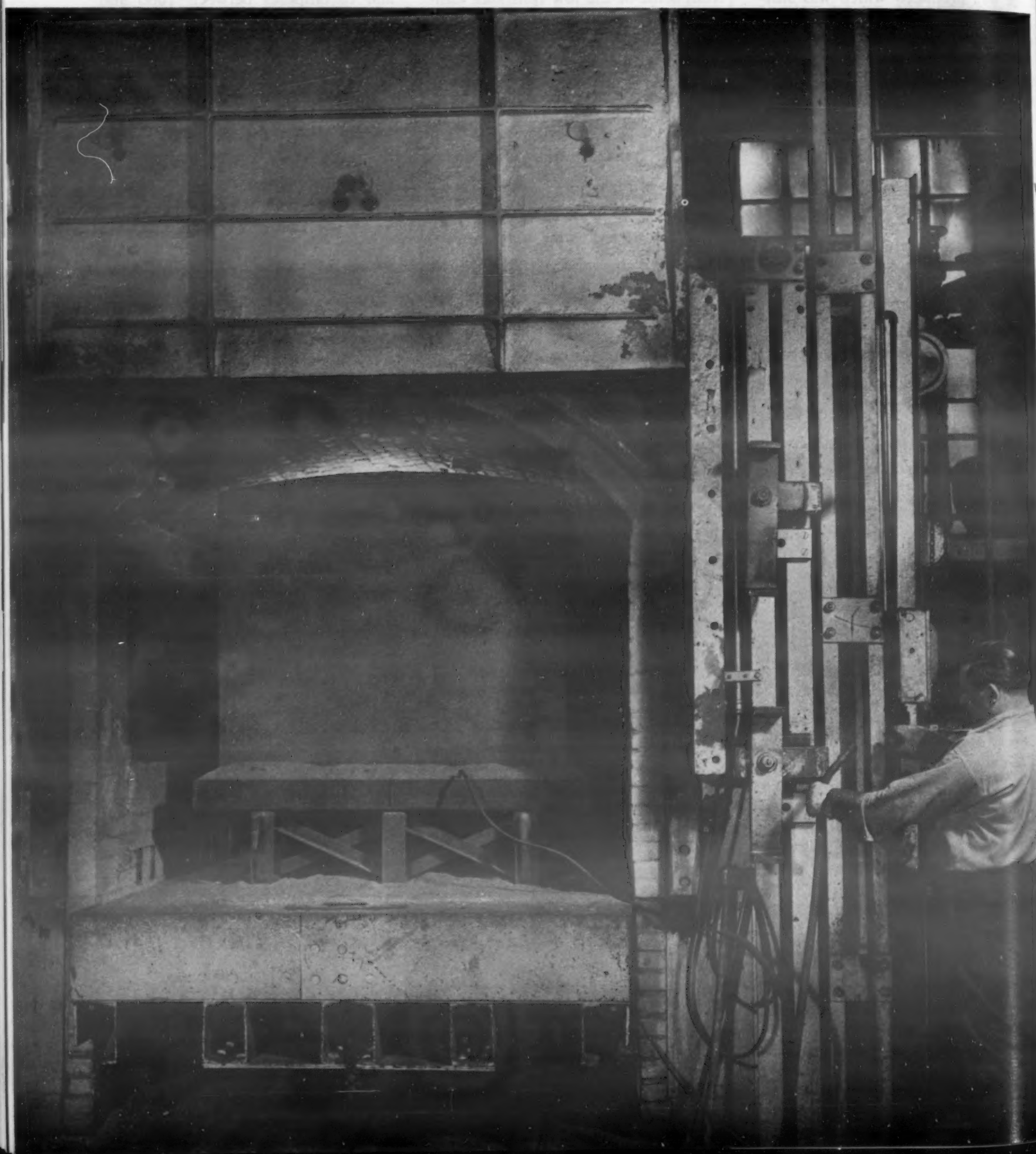
***View of the inside of furnace showing the cover over the charge, the sand seal, and steam inlet lines.***

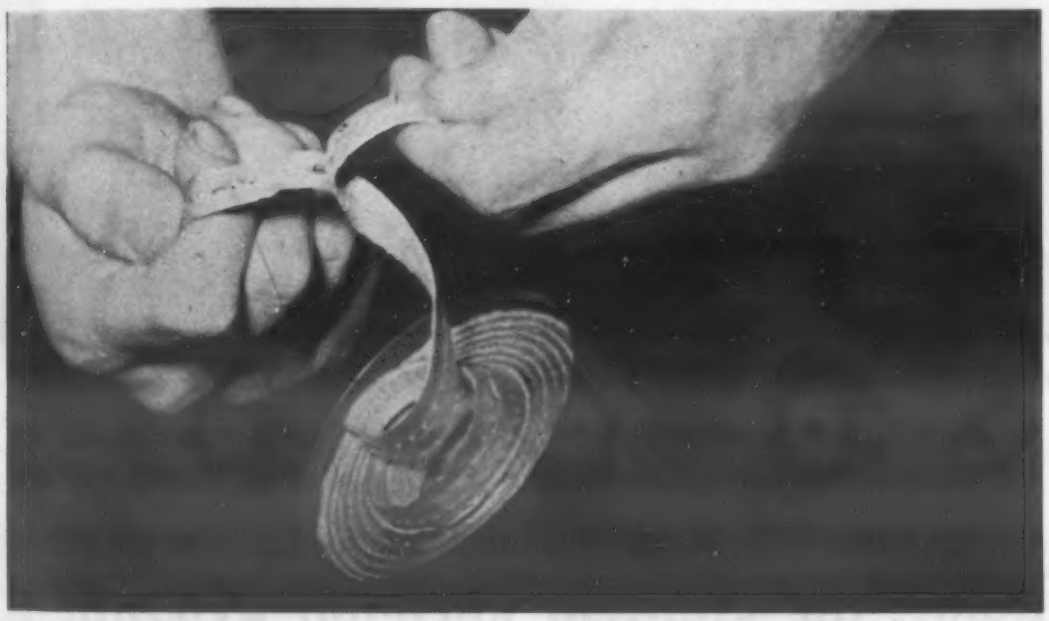


# New Self-Heating Tape Simplifies Soldering Operations

by ROBERT B. STANTON

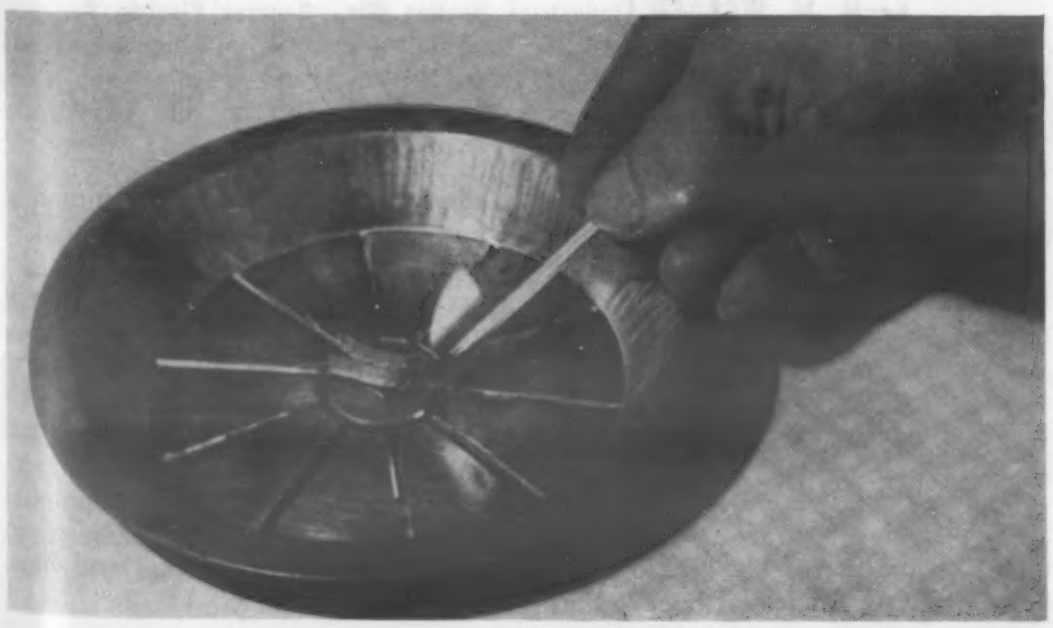
• A NEW SELF-SOLDERING tape recently developed by the W. B. Franklin Co., San Fernando, Calif., for a variety of assembly and repair operations eliminates the need for a soldering iron or torch equipment. The tape consists of a ribbon of lead-tin solder attached to a ribbon of vinyl plastic, in which aluminum-type heating fuels are dispersed. When ignited, the vinyl ribbon provides a safe and efficient heating medium for melting the solder to cause it to flow directly into the joint.

It has been used successfully to assemble copper, brass, tin, aluminum, iron, zinc, and related types of alloy wires and fabricated sheet stock with thicknesses ranging to approximately 0.201 in. There is practically no limit to the shapes of articles or parts that can be repaired or assembled with the tape if segments of the latter are pre-positioned so that the flow of molten solder will subsequently be directed into the desired joints.



*Shown here are the two ribbons making up the soldering tape.*

*The self-soldering tape being ignited by a match to plug a small hole in a metal pan.*



Following is the general sequence of operations normally required to make use of the tape:

(1) The surfaces to be soldered are cleaned with steel wool or a similar medium, and coated with a thin layer of soldering paste. (2) A strip of tape is cut to proper length for the soldering job. (3) The metallic face of the tape is positioned over and adjacent to the surfaces to be soldered, so that the plastic-fuel ribbon will be uppermost, permitting easy ignition and allowing the metal ribbon to flow into the required joint. (4) One end of the plastic-fuel ribbon is fluffed to facilitate ignition, and lighted with a match or some other flame-producing medium. (5) The ash left by the plastic-fuel ribbon is removed with a clean rag as soon as the tape ceases to burn, after which the soldered joint may be buffed with steel wool prior to inspection.

In the assembly of sheet metal parts, it has been found that especially strong joints can be produced if the metal edges are designed to overlap slightly so that the solder ribbon can be inserted between the edges and heated by the plastic-fuel ribbon through the upper sheet surface.

Spliced copper wires with 12-gage or smaller thicknesses can be readily soldered simply by pressing the metal ribbon of the tape around the spliced section from the top side so that the solder ribbon will grip the wire and maintain the overhead alignment of the plastic-fuel ribbon. Splices made from larger gages of wire should be soldered by wrapping tape segments in tight spirals around the spliced areas.

In test work, the self-soldering tape has been used at distances of less than 6 in. from inflammable fuels without starting a fire; yet the ignitability of the plastic-fuel ribbon is such that it can be lighted after complete submersion in water for several minutes, simply by drying its outer surfaces with a cloth. As it burns, the plastic-fuel ribbon gives off a clean white smoke that has no tendency to contaminate or discolor nearby surfaces.

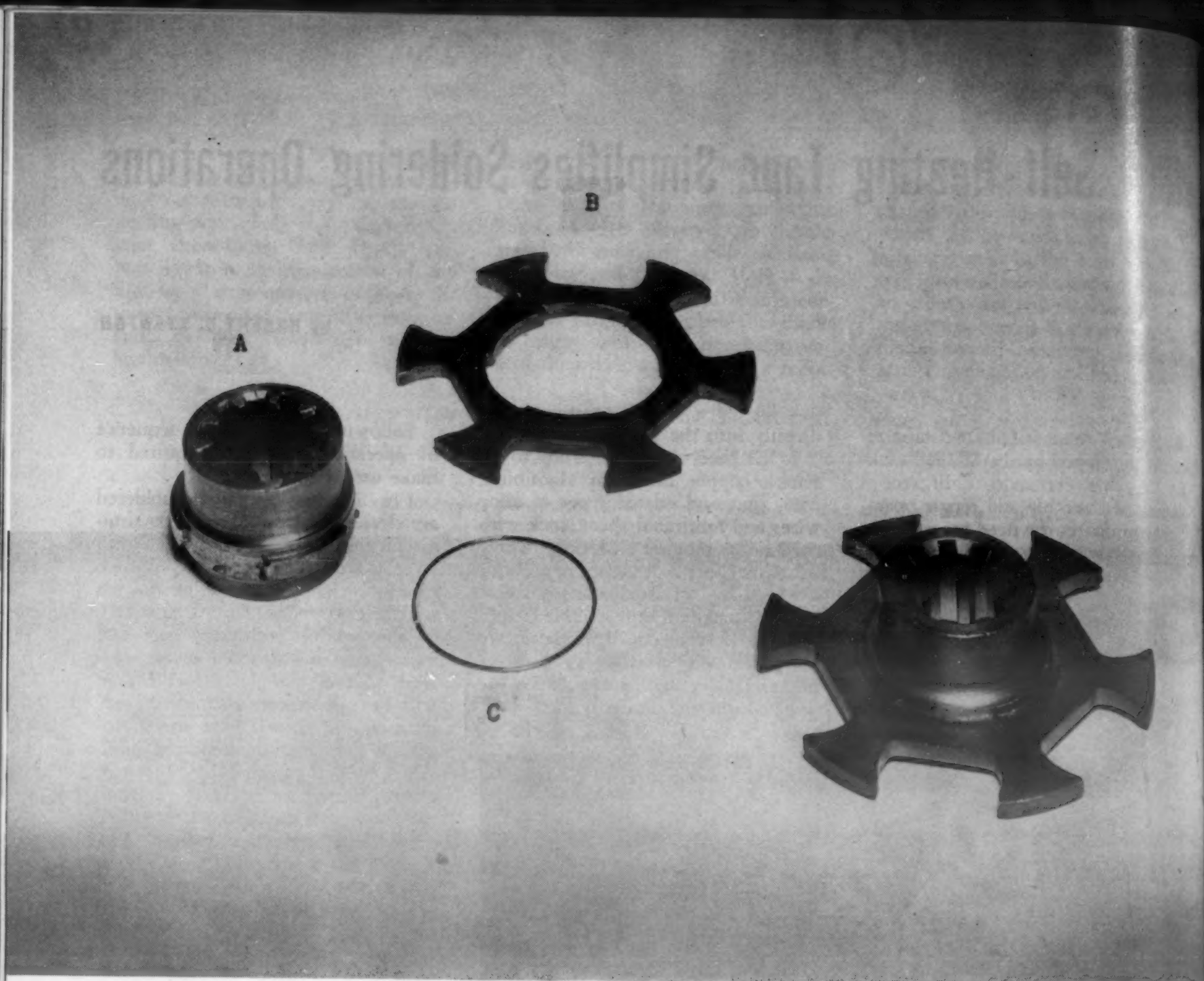



*Fig. 1—An automotive clutch that was formerly forged is now a furnace-brazed assembly.*

# Redesigning Metal Parts for Electric Furnace Brazing

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***Careful redesign of assemblies for furnace brazing permits combining inexpensive metal forms into low cost fabricated products of complex design.***

• REDESIGNING OF metal parts is generally desirable when converting to electric furnace brazing from some other method of manufacture. Obviously, redesigning is necessary if a part machined from bar stock, or a forging or casting, is to be fabricated from multiple component parts fitted together with brazing metal preplaced at the joints. Sometimes an assembly already being fabricated by another method can be furnace-brazed with equal or better results, without design changes; but it is not uncommon to find ways to improve the design to better adapt the assembly to furnace brazing. This is particularly true if the existing fabricating method involves fixtures, because it is better to self-lock the parts together for the trip through the brazing furnace, and avoid fixtures. Several interesting examples where redesigning assemblies for furnace brazing has resulted in benefits will be explained and illustrated in this article.

## From Forged to Furnace-Brazed Part

Redesign of a forged automotive clutch hub, to utilize two relatively inexpensive components which are furnace-brazed, has resulted in success at the Technical Metal Processing Co. The primary object of the change was to reduce the cost. The resultant saving amounts to about 15c per hub. The cost reduction stems from the fact that the notched flange shown in Fig. 1 at B is now made of a punching from black, hot-rolled strip steel, and the splined hub A is machined from bar stock. Thus, former machining operations on the flange have been completely eliminated and it is a little less costly to machine the hubs from bar stock than from the forging. The furnace-brazed assembly is equally as serviceable as the forging.

The furnace-brazed assembly is about 3⅞ in. in dia. by 1¼ in. high. The hub is machined from 2-in. dia. bar stock of C-1034 steel. A small outer flange is broached in three different places around the periphery to provide a keying effect when the hub is pressed into the notched hole in the punching. This is an inexpensive and effective means of increasing the torsional strength of the assembly. After broaching, three small ears are staked in its flange to provide a stop for the punching during assembly operation, and also to hold the punching in place throughout the brazing cycle. Otherwise, upon expansion during heating, the punching might slide off the hub, or at least move slightly. After the brazing operation, assemblies are hardened and drawn.

The punching is made of 0.182-in. thick, C-1035 black hot-rolled strip stock. The edges of the notched hole are used as punched, without any special reaming or broaching operations to true them up or size them. The two parts are pressed together and a copper wire ring C is placed around the hub on the top side of the joint. The assemblies are then brazed in trayloads in box-type copper-brazing furnaces at a rate of 180 per hr., and are delivered from the furnace with strong, uniform bonds and clean, bright surfaces.

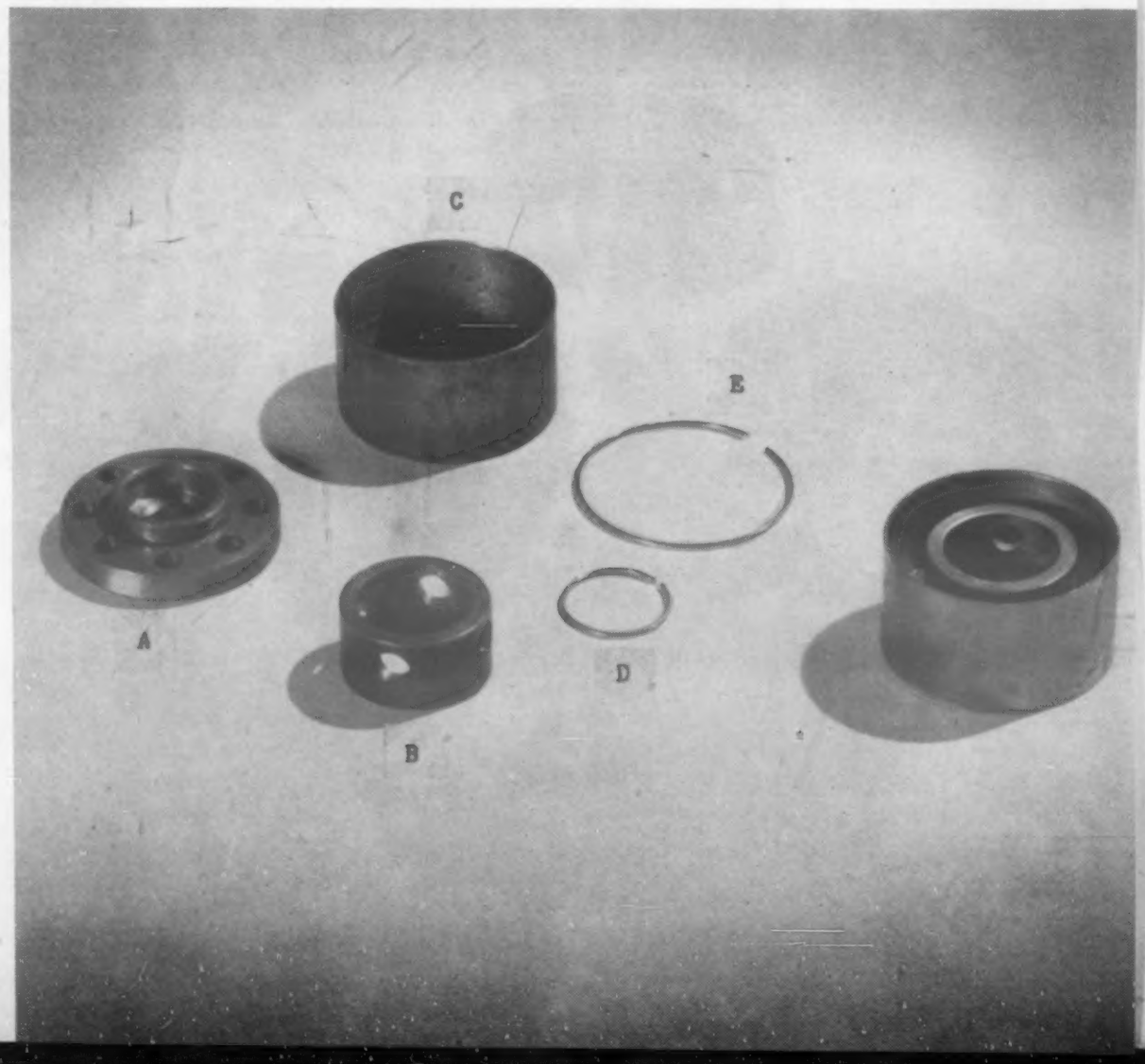
## Machined vs. Brazed Assembly

There are innumerable cases where parts formerly machined from bar stock have been redesigned for fabrication from simple components to reduce the waste of metal cut away, shorten machining time, and cut costs. It is not uncommon to save 50 to 75% of the metal by such conversion, where bar stock is machined down from a large diameter to a small diameter such as to provide a small hub on a large flange, or where slugs of bar stock are bored out to produce shell-like structures. In the former case, small screw-machine parts are often brazed into large diameter punchings; in the latter case, drawn cups with suitably stamped or machined fittings, or pieces of tubing with machined or punched disks brazed into one end, often with auxiliary fittings, sometimes provide satisfactory and less expensive assemblies.

The discharge valve cage for an electric refrigeration compressor (Fig. 2), manufactured by Servel, Inc., is a typical case where redesign for furnace brazing has resulted in savings of time, material, and money. In this case, a part formerly machined from a piece of bar stock 1¼ in. in dia. by ¾ in. long, weighing 5½ oz., was bored and drilled to make a part comparable with that shown in Fig. 2 weighing 1½ oz. Now the furnace-brazed assembly illustrated is made of two pieces of tubing and a screw-machine part, originally weighing about 2 oz. before machining. Thus, the saving in weight of materials amounts to about 64%. The furnace-brazed assembly is equally as serviceable as its machined counterpart. In addition, the three component parts are all turned on high-speed automatic screw machines, which reduces the machining time.

The washer A is now machined from a piece of 1-in. dia., C-1010 bar stock and has a maximum thickness of 5/16 in. The inner ring B is machined from 13/16-in. OD, C-1010 tubing having 1/16-in. wall, and is cut to a length of 9/16 in. The outer ring C is machined on the inside from 1¼-in. OD tubing, 0.030-in. wall, to have a wall thickness of about 0.010 in. Its length is about ¾ in. The inner ring is counterbored to have a light press fit of 0.000 to 0.003 in. over the tenon machined on the washer, and these two parts are assembled in an air-hydraulic press, the ring bottoming against the washer. The outer ring is also machined to have a similar light press fit with the washer, and is pressed on in similar fashion, with the ring bottoming flush with the washer. After assembling, copper wire rings D and E are inserted into the tubular members. These copper rings have slightly larger outside diameters than the inner diameters of the tubes, and they are formed from hard, springy wire, so that they will hug the inner walls of the tubes and stay in position above the joints. Sleeve fits ⅛-in. and 3/16-in. long, respectively, provide adequate bonding area within the joints to give good strength.

*Fig. 2—By redesigning this refrigerator discharge valve cage for furnace brazing, a weight saving of 64% was realized.*



## Furnace-Brazed Refrigerator Assembly

In the manufacture of hermetically-sealed refrigerators, every precaution must be taken to assure clean, scale-free work. The slightest amount of deposit of scale or flux within any of the components must be avoided, because if it should work loose it might clog strainers, or enter the mechanism, which would be even worse. Abrasive particles getting into the compressor would be especially serious because they might result in excessive wear and noise.

Before furnace brazing was introduced, receivers for refrigerators made at Kelvinator Div., Nash-Kelvinator Corp., were commonly torch-brazed or welded. But now electric furnace brazing is generally accepted as the ideal method for fabricating such assemblies. Redesigning is generally an important consideration, because for furnace brazing, extra care is taken to assure tightness of joints prior to brazing in order to obtain leak-free bonds after brazing. This same precaution also gives the highest strength bonds when brazing low-carbon steel with copper. Another factor in redesigning is to eliminate the use of fixtures and make provisions so that the parts will be self-locking or otherwise hold themselves in proper relationship while traveling through the brazing furnace.

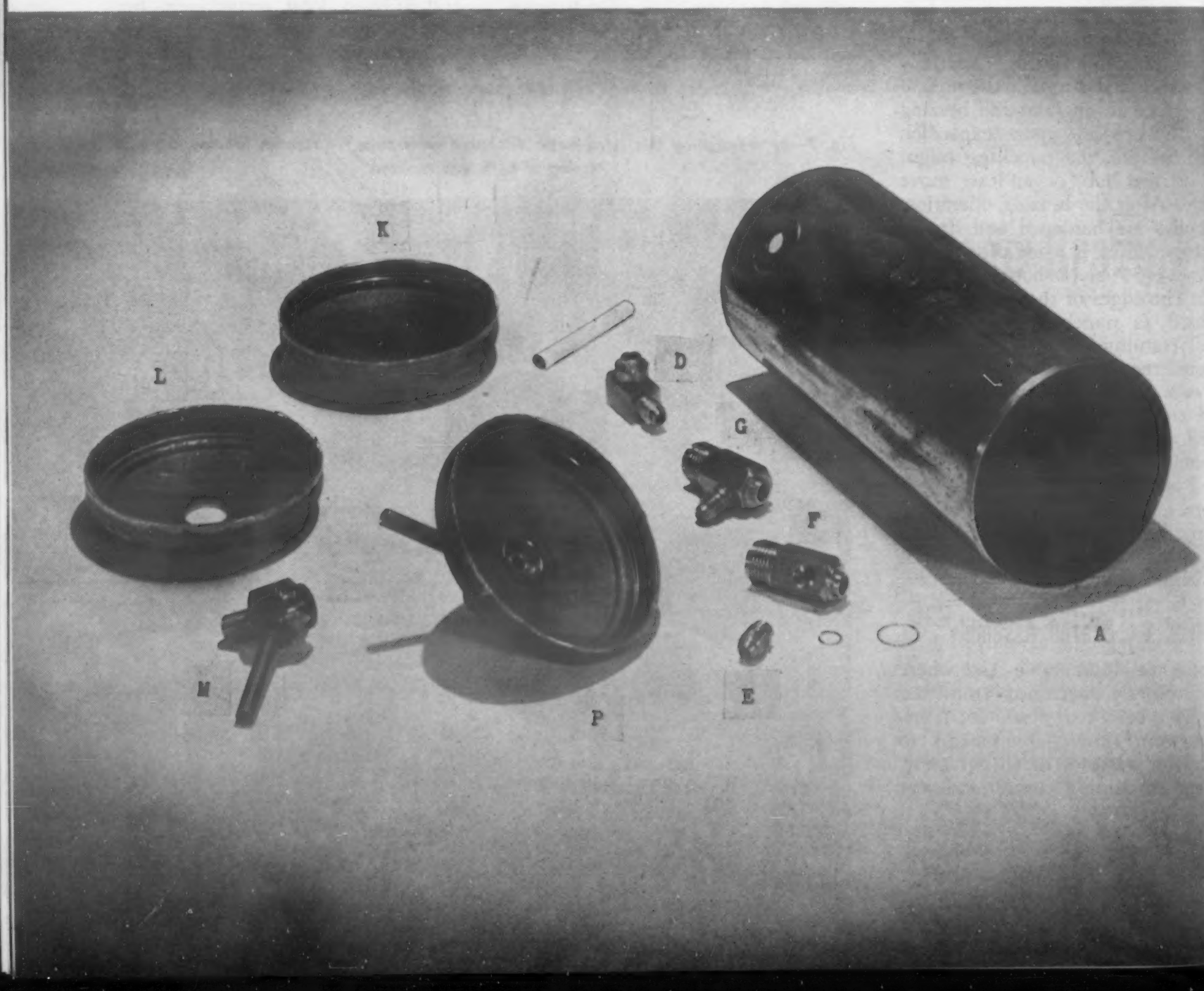
With proper design and good manufacturing, the refrigerator receivers have uniformly tight, strong bonds when furnace brazed. Also, they have smooth, neat fillets at the joints. Of particular importance is the fact that they are perfectly clean and dry inside. This latter point is emphasized, because it is usually quite difficult to completely remove all oxides and flux by pickling the insides of containers; there is always the added possibility of corrosion after rinsing out because of the uncertainty as to whether they are dry. So when the refrigerator sub-assemblies come from the copper-brazing furnaces clean and dry, some manufacturing "headaches" are completely side-tracked. This advantage is not limited to the refrigeration field, however; it is equally valuable in the manufacture of an assortment of other products.

A breakdown of the component parts of the receiver assembly is shown in Fig. 3. It consists of two pieces of tubing, two stampings, five screw-machine parts, and eight copper wire rings. The main part of the assembly is a piece of 4-in. OD, 16-gage, C-1010 welded steel tubing shown at *A*. The tube and other component parts are given a caustic wash and a good rinse, after which they are ready to be assembled.

Two screw-machine parts made from B-1113 steel are assembled and copper brazed to make the receiver inlet assembly *D*, after which the brazed part is inserted into the tube *A* and swaged in place. The joint between the two parts is a light press fit, for maximum strength and tightness, while that between the assembly and tube is a loose fit, which becomes tight upon swaging. The foregoing procedure is interesting from the standpoint that a joint which has been brazed in one trip through a furnace can be put through the furnace again usually without injury to its strength or tightness.

Another sub-assembly, the valve

***Fig. 3—Electric furnace brazing is now the accepted method of fabricating this refrigerator receiver.***



body *G*, is made up of two screw-machine parts, *E* and *F* pressed together with interference fit and with copper wire rings on shoulders of the parts. *K* is a dished head made of 16-gage, C-1010 cold-rolled steel strip. Into it is pressed a 0.050-in. copper wire ring formed slightly oversize, which is pushed to the bottom of the head during assembly with tube *A*, and is locked in place by the chamfered end of the tube, so that when the brazing metal melts, it will creep throughout the entire sleeve-fitted joint. This gives a large bonding area, which aids tightness and strength.

Head *L* for the opposite end of the receiver has a punched hole in the center. A screw-machine part *M*, into which is pressed a 2-in. piece of 5/16-in. steel tubing, is inserted into the hole in head *L* and its tenon is swaged to give a tight, firmly locked joint. This feature, shown in *P*, positively assures no relative movement of the parts during the brazing cycle, and it is perhaps the best method available for joining fittings to sheet-metal parts preparatory to furnace brazing.

Following assembly of the parts with head *L*, a copper wire ring is inserted in the head and the head is pressed on end of tube *A*.

## Riveted or Pinned Parts Now Furnace Brazed

Riveting or pinning has been used for years in making small sub-assemblies for business machines. However, redesigning for furnace brazing to eliminate riveting and pinning has resulted in attractive benefits, such as longer life, reduced service costs, and lower manufacturing costs. Furnace-brazed assemblies are much stronger than riveted or pinned ones; in some cases it has been possible to reduce their size and weight, which gives better space factor and less inertia, and still obtain long life. These are important advantages in business-machine design, because they sometimes make it possible to build more functions into a smaller unit.

The extreme impact and vibration to which the parts for cash registers, adding machines, calculating machines, bookkeeping machines, typewriters, postage meters, and the like are subjected, ultimately worked loose riveted or pinned assemblies in many cases. It has been found that by proper redesigning and furnace brazing such assemblies, the new parts last as long as the machines.

That the manufacturing cost is also much less can be understood from a study of Fig. 4, which compares the construction of a pinned cam cluster with a furnace-brazed one. The part is produced by the National Cash Register Co. The pinned cam cluster at the left required that the assembly be set up in a jig, and then three small holes drilled and reamed on a taper and countersunk at both ends. Tapered dowel pins were then driven into the holes, cut off to proper length, riveted at the ends, and ground smooth. This work required carefully made fixtures, involved maintenance and replacement of small drills and reamers, and took considerable time by skilled operators.

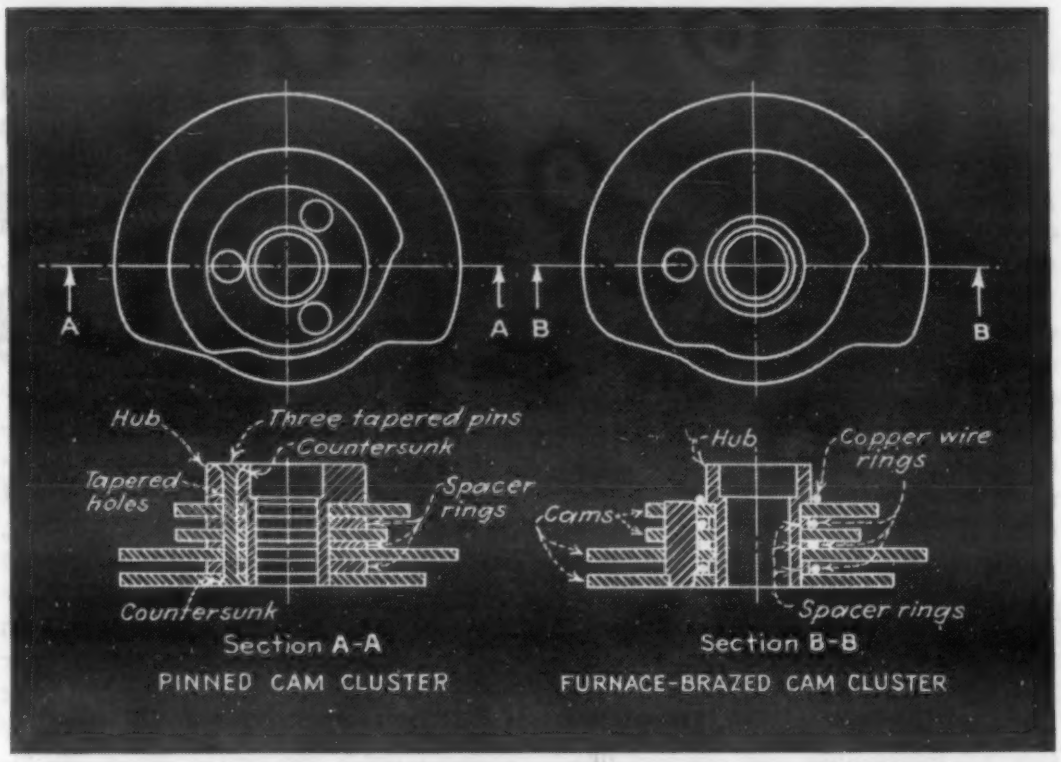



*Fig. 4—The essential differences between the design of the cam cluster using pins and the redesigned furnace-brazed assembly are shown in these sketches.*

The furnace-brazed cam cluster at the right eliminates most of these costly operations, and uses less material. In this case only one large straight pin is used for indexing and the other two pins, formerly tapered, have been done away with. But the indexing pin is exceptional. Usually a simple riveting over of the end of the hub holds the cams in location until they are brazed. Small copper wire rings are preplaced at the joints around the C-1112 steel spacer rings, around the B-1113 hub, and between the C-1010 cams. When the copper rings melt, they bond the assembly into one integral mass. It will be observed that the spacer rings are of smaller outside diameter than before, and the hub is machined from smaller diameter stock, which saves material and machining time.

In a set of tests on 13 typical cash-register assemblies, formerly riveted or pinned but now electric furnace-brazed with copper, it was found that the strength had been increased 52 to 287% by redesigning for furnace brazing. This improvement is representative, and explains why the parts have so much longer life. Cost savings effected by use of electric furnace brazing run in general from 30 to 90% of the costs of drilled and pinned cash-register assemblies. Actual savings vary from 40c to $10 per hundred pieces.

Many of the furnace-brazed cam clusters are carburized and hardened. In about a third of the cases, carburizing is done before copper brazing, in another third, after brazing, and the remainder require no heat treatment. The carburized assemblies are brazed in a furnace provided with a non-decarburizing atmosphere, while the other work is brazed in ordinary low-ratio combusted gas.

## Newly Designed Assemblies

When a manufacturer is set up to do furnace brazing work, he frequently finds opportunities to design new parts to employ the process which he would otherwise make some other way at higher cost or having disadvantages.

An interesting example of a new assembly which is being furnace brazed under such circumstances, and one which would be extremely difficult to make any other way than by

furnace brazing, is that shown in Fig. 5. Differing from the assemblies previously described, this one is made of 18:8 stainless steel. Although the photograph gives a good idea of the outside appearance of the brazed assembly, it does not show the interior, which is honeycombed with machined ducts and radial holes. The ducts are covered with annular rings in which tiny holes are drilled prior to assembling. These rings must be bonded to the body of the assembly, tightly and strongly, keeping the interiors of the ducts completely free from any particles of oxides or flux which, if loosened, might clog the tiny holes. With so many joints to be brazed in one assembly and with this requirement for cleanliness, furnace brazing obviously is the right way to do the job. Accordingly, the product was developed to be made by this method, and results have been quite successful.

The assembly is brazed in two trips through the furnace. First, two fittings and one annular ring are brazed into the top side (left). Then the assembly is turned over and the five annular rings on the back side (right) are brazed over the ducts. Copper wire rings supply brazing metal to all the joints. Here again is a case where bonds made in a first trip through a copper brazing furnace are not impaired in the second trip through.

Ordinarily, the furnace brazing of stainless steel requires flux to obtain wetting of the copper on the steel, because of the tendency for formation of green chromium oxides even in ordinary protective atmospheres. It is practical to furnace braze stainless steel with flux to combat the oxides in ordinary protective atmospheres, and there are a few applications being performed in that manner in order to obtain certain advantages such as brazing a number of joints at one time, uniform heating, etc. However, the work coming from the furnace does carry the green chromium oxide and flux deposits, which usually have to be removed after brazing. To furnace braze without flux requires precautions previously considered more practical for laboratory work than for production. However, the technique has now been worked out to where several batch-type production furnaces are employed to bright-braze stainless steel without flux.

The technique involves enclosing the work in a sheet-metal retort and feeding pure, dry hydrogen or dissociated ammonia into the retort by means of tubes connected to a suitable gas supply outside the furnace. In this way, the ordinary furnace atmosphere surrounding the retort, which always contains too much water vapor for this type of work, does not have an opportunity to contaminate the pure atmosphere within the retort. The stainless-steel assemblies are prepared in the usual manner with copper at the joints, and the joints can either be light press fits or in some cases slightly loose, such as with 0.001-in. gap. After heating and cooling the work, the retort is opened and the work is removed. The same procedure is equally suitable for bright annealing stainless steels, or bright hardening the air-hardening types of stainless steels.

The foregoing examples are only a few of many instances where redesigning for furnace brazing has brought tangible benefits. There are innumerable cases where ingenuity has been shown in combining inexpensive stampings, screw-machine parts, and tubing into low-cost fabricated assemblies. These assemblies, when furnace brazed, show marked savings and, at the same time, usually have distinct advantages from the standpoint of both manufacturing and service performance. Although low cost is frequently the most attractive benefit from furnace brazing, often there are other advantages such as longer life, reduced weight, faster manufacturing cycle, and better appearance.

*Fig. 5—The interior of this 18:8 stainless steel assembly, now furnace-brazed, is honeycombed with machined ducts and radial holes.*

# New Thermal Insulating Material Combines Light Weight and High Strength

**— NEW MATERIALS PREVIEW**

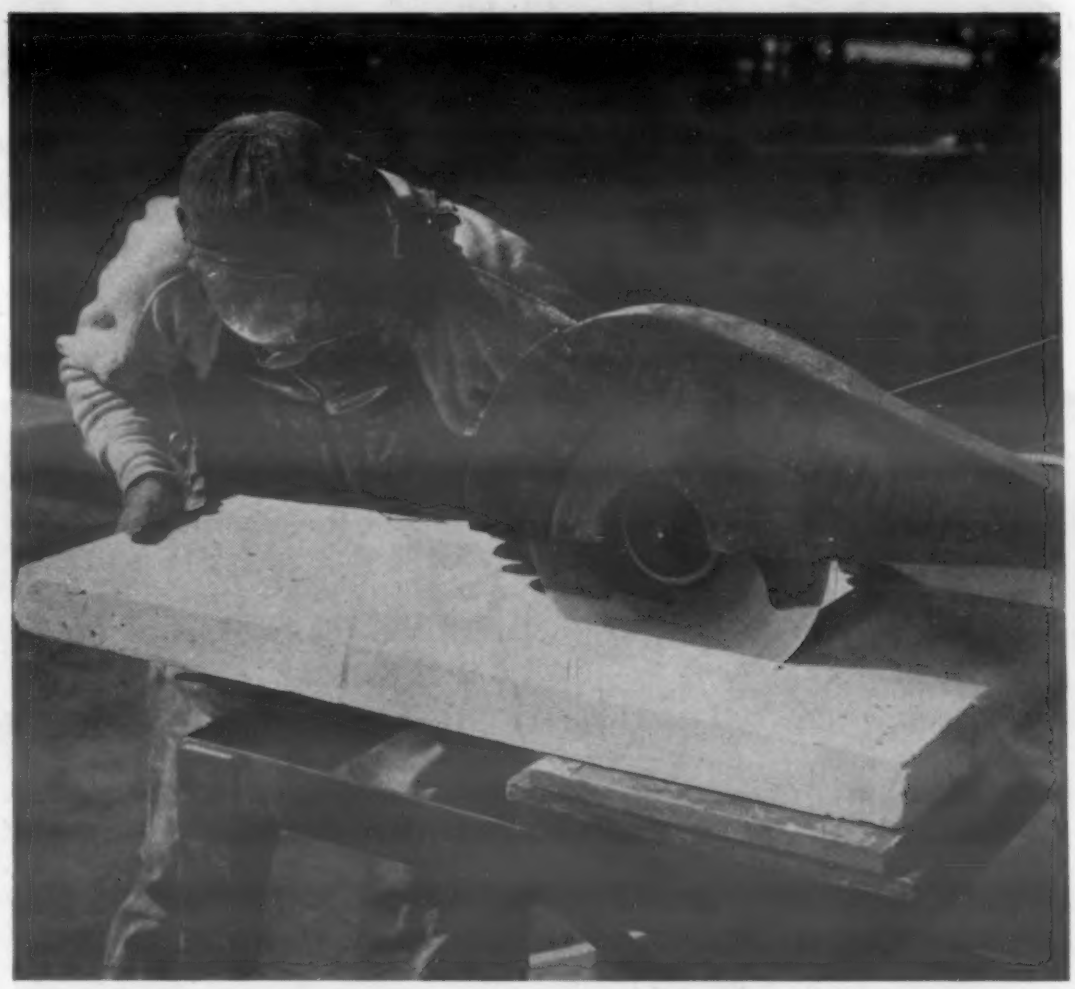
• WHEN ENGINEERING REQUIREMENTS dictate high thermal insulating properties along with fireproofness, light weight and structural strength, a new material now being offered by American Structural Products Co., an Owens-Illinois subsidiary, deserves consideration. It is a hydrous calcium silicate material sold in various forms and sizes under the brand name of Kaylo. It is manufactured in two densities—11 lb. per cu. ft. and 20 lb. per cu. ft. The lighter material is used principally for high temperature insulation. The heavier material is used for building purposes, as a tile to form structural roof decks. The 20-lb. material is also used as a core for fireproof doors, fabricated and marketed by U. S. Plywood Corp.

As a rigid heat insulation, the low-density block is suitable for use at service temperatures up to 1200 F. While not intended as a load-carrying member of any structural unit, the insulating block is reasonably strong. Following are some of its properties:

Density: about 11 lb. per cu. ft.
K factor, at 300 F mean: 0.475
Maximum service temp.: 1200 F
Standard sizes: Widths, 6 in. and 12 in.; length, 36 in. only; thicknesses, 1 in., 1½ in., 2 in., 2½ in., and 3 in.

The lighter weight is now available only as blocks in the above range of sizes, as lagging, and in some sectional pipe covering forms. Pipe covering is still in the developmental stage.

The more dense material is intended primarily for building construction. It is finding use as a fireproof roof tile, 2⅜ by 18 by 36 in. in size, where its effective resistance to passage of heat helps to conserve fuel in winter and to keep the building cooler in summer, and its light weight reduces design loads. For this purpose it is supplied with a reinforcing of steel wire mesh to give increased strength and stiffness. The wire is embedded in the block as a wire basket, providing reinforcing in both directions. Its dimensional stability is another important consideration in building construction.



*The insulating material can be easily cut with hand or power tools.*

Some of its properties, and the available sizes, are as follows:

Density: about 20 lb. per cu. ft.
K factor, at 70 F mean: 0.65
Standard sizes: Widths, 12 in. and 18 in.; lengths, 18 in. and 36 in.; thicknesses, 1¼ in., 1¾ in., and 2⅜ in.

Use of a block of the 20-lb. density insulation, faced on both sides with plywood, and with the edges covered with matching plywood, will create a flush door that can be finished to correspond with fine interiors, will be massive in appearance yet light in weight, and will effectively resist fire. A door of this type has already passed the Fire Underwriters Laboratory tests for a "one-hour door," indicating that it will withstand flames for one hour without being consumed and without permitting spread of the flames through the door. Use of such doors in hotels has been suggested.

While the use of the new material in the building field is an obvious choice, the manufacturing industries will also be interested in the possibilities of a lightweight, fire-resistant insulation. The 11-lb. block has been taken up as a heat insulation for high-temperature service by industry, and the heavier material may be expected to fit into industrial production when its properties become more widely known.

# Liquid Blasting Cleans and Finishes Metallic and Nonmetallic Surfaces

***Surface blasting with a high velocity stream of abrasive particles suspended in liquid provides an economical means of deburring, descaling and preparing surfaces for finishes.***

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● LIQUID IMPACT BLASTING provides a versatile method for use on metallic and nonmetallic materials that combines both a cleaning and finishing action. Among its many uses are deburring and removal of heat treat scale, preparation of surfaces for electroplating and other coatings, improving die and mold surface finish, and removing or blending grinding lines on machine parts and cutting tools.

The process involves blasting the surface with a high velocity stream of abrasive particles suspended in a liquid. The suspension is delivered to a blasting nozzle by means of a circulating pump. As it flows through the blasting nozzle, its speed is greatly increased by the injection of compressed air, normally 90 psi. Because the abrasive particles are suspended in a liquid, there is no limit to the fineness of the particle which can be used.

The liquid in most general use is water plus corrosion inhibitors which prevent or retard corrosion. Any type of nonmetallic commercial abrasive, as coarse as 60 mesh and as fine as 5000 mesh equivalent, can be used satisfactorily. With the finer meshes there is no breakdown of sharp edges or corners, and with extremely fine mesh abrasives it is possible to process precision machined parts and hold within tolerances of 0.0001 in. where required. A well qualified abrasive is almost pure silicon dioxide, known as Novicite, and marketed under the trade name of Pangbornite. In some cases soft grit abrasives such as pecan husks have been used for deburring plastic articles.

## Equipment and Process Characteristics

The equipment used for liquid blast cleaning includes a water tight cabinet provided with a hopper tank for mixing, storing and recollecting the suspension, a circulating pump, and a blasting gun equipped with two lengths of flexible hose, one for abrasive feed and one for air supply. The cabinet has vision windows, loading doors, air control valves, and a ventilating system to remove the fog created by the blasting. The operator works from the outside of the cabinet and places his arms through gauntlet-covered armholes. The work to be finished is held in one hand or rested on a work table while the other hand directs the blasting stream.

After liquid blast cleaning the parts are usually dipped into a rinse tank containing clear water plus corrosion inhibitor. Where rapid drying of parts is desired, the solution should be kept warm (140 F). A good alternate system is to use compressed air to blow off excess water after rinsing. After parts are dry, a light protective oil is good for retarding corrosion for long periods of time.

Liquid blast cleaning is a flexible process because there are a number of factors that can be varied to meet a particular set of job requirements. These factors are: (1) particle size and hardness of the abrasive used; (2) air pressure; (3) distance from gun to work; and (4) liquid to abrasive ratio.

The process is considered economical. The abrasives, even in the finer ranges, are relatively inexpensive and have a useful life of 25 to 40 operating hours. Also, life of pump and nozzle parts is relatively long since the flow of abrasive suspended in liquid has little tendency to erode metal.

Liquid impact blasting has some peening effect which tends to improve mechanical properties and fatigue life of certain parts. This effect can be demonstrated by blasting a thin gage test strip on one side for several minutes with 80- or 100-mesh abrasive. The strip will show a definite curvature, thus indicating a peening action. Where warping is undesirable on thin gage materials, it can be avoided by using finer mesh abrasives and keeping the gun-to-work distance as great as possible.

## Applications

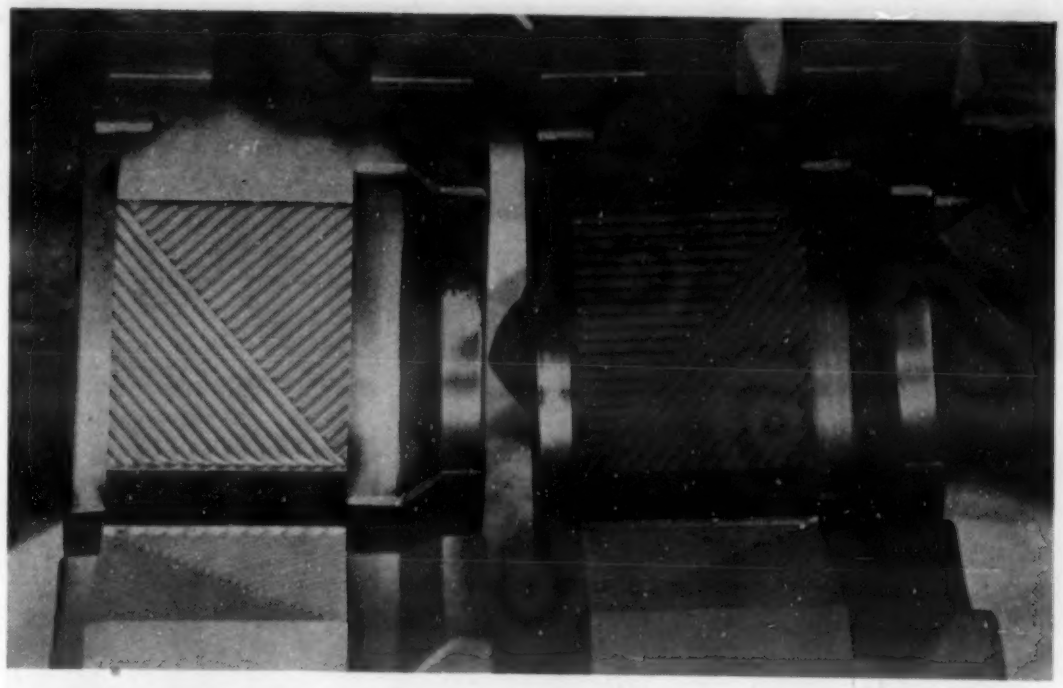
*Deburring and Descaling*—Liquid impact blasting offers a method for removing small burrs from accurately machined parts where hand deburring is slow and tedious. The process also removes burrs from internal pas-

sages and from very small diameter holes where the ordinary dry processes will not carry.

Many hours are spent each day by tool and die shop machinists in removing heat treat scale from plastic molding dies and in polishing these dies. A fairly simple small cavity may require as long as 6 or 8 man-hours to polish. Liquid blasting can accomplish this same job in 3 or 4 min. After the scale is removed, only a light polishing operation is necessary to restore luster. In cases where the plastic is to be used for structural purposes (inside of electrical switches, etc.) it is not necessary to use any hand polishing operations.

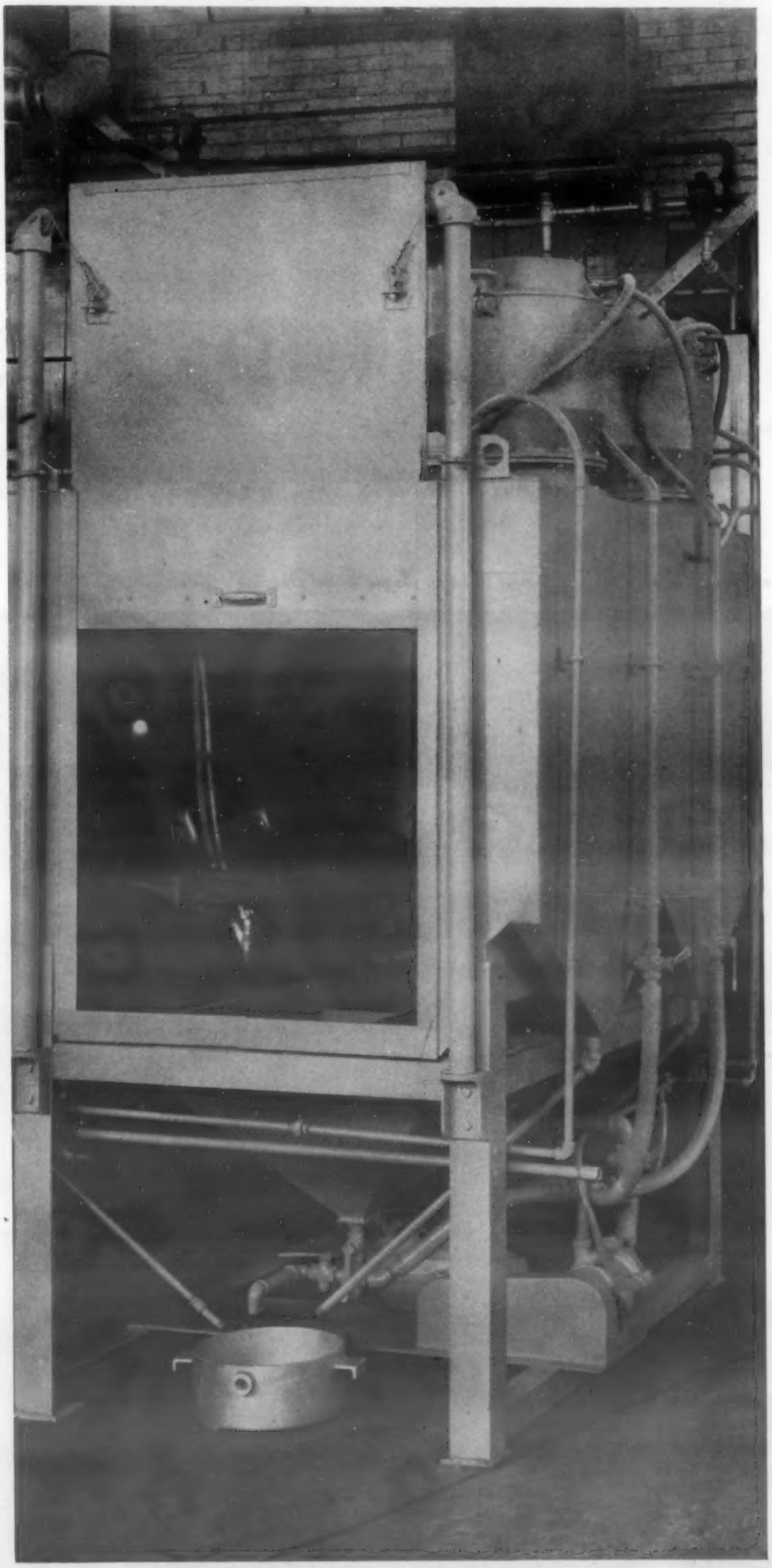
*Preparation of Surfaces for Plating or Coating*—Chromium plating, which is applied to tool and die surfaces or machine parts for improving wear characteristics, will be referred

***Molds for glass industry are economically cleaned by liquid impact blasting. Here shown is a pressed glass mold before (right) and after (left) being cleaned by this method.***



***A part to be processed is shown here on a work table just prior to being placed in the cleaning cabinet.***

*A view of the inside of a liquid blasting unit. The operator works from the outside and places arms through gauntlet-covered armholes.*



to here as structural chromium plating.

In many cases structural chromium plating is greatly improved by liquid blast cleaning the surface of the part to be plated before the chromium is applied. This finishing produces an increased amount of surface to which the chromium can adhere and, at the same time, produces a "tooth" for better bonding. It also shears all feather edges left by grinding or polishing. In many cases if plating is applied without first liquid blasting the part, the chromium will adhere to these feather edges. Under operating conditions the feather edges tend to shear and leave the plate unattached in that area; peeling of the plating then results, or is likely to result. Liquid blasting after plating produces oil storage wells which makes lubricating of this surface more easily controlled. In cases where chromium plating of die parts has heretofore been unsatisfactory, the addition of a liquid blasting operation before plating has shown a definite improvement in the adherence of the chromium. Decorative plating having a two-toned effect may be applied by means of stencils or masking tape.

Liquid blasting also has been used for improving bonding of rubber, paint, plastic and other coatings to metal surfaces. Blasting improves bonding in these cases in much the same way as mentioned previously.

*Die and Mold Manufacture and Maintenance*—Heat treat scale removal from plastic molding dies was discussed earlier. Liquid blasting has also been used successfully for removing the wire edge left around engraved letters on these dies. In dies used for making electrical switch parts and in many other cases this lettering is quite small and difficult to polish. Liquid blasting is a satisfactory method of polishing these letters without distorting them. Liquid blasting also offers an excellent method of removing grinding lines from intricate sections of the die. Some types of plastic dies require periodic cleaning, and liquid blasting plays an important part in finishing this work.

Liquid blast cleaning also can be used on die casting dies. New dies can be treated in much the same way as the plastic dies mentioned above. However, it is not necessary to polish the satin finish left by blasting. This finish is most satisfactory for die casting. Die casting dies require periodic maintenance due to the for-

mation of carbon deposits on the die parts.

Rubber mold manufacture and maintenance present many of the same problems described above. In this case the type and roughness of the carbon deposits left on the mold depend largely on the type of rubber stock processed. Liquid blasting has increased production life of molds which have been liquid blasted as compared with those which have been chemically treated and then hand cleaned. Liquid blasting will naturally not remove heavy uncarbonized rubber deposits left in a mold. These can be easily removed by hand. The liquid blast will then rapidly remove carbon deposits without changing mold dimensions or contours.

Mold cleaning in the glass industry has long been a costly headache. Cleaning deposits from molds by hand is a difficult, tedious job. Chuck cleaning or sand blasting can be used in some cases, but in each case metal removal is excessive and mold life relatively short. Liquid blast cleaning offers an economical, practical solution for this problem.

In forge shops liquid blasting equipment can be used to remove, blend and smooth the grinding lines on the die surface and provide for a smoother flow of metal. The use of liquid blasting for forming and deep drawing dies has also been successful. By removing the grinding lines, as mentioned before, the tendency for the die to gall and score is greatly reduced and the drawn metal shows less drawing marks. Liquid blasting the die surface also causes a better distribution of drawing compound.

Other types of dies that are frequently processed by this method are heading die and punches, extrusion dies, swaging dies, and many other types of special dies.

*Other Uses*—Liquid blast cleaning is useful for producing a decorative finish, and in many cases can be substituted for more costly buffing operations. This finish has been used on calibrated dial and veneers to prevent glare and increase readability of calibrations.

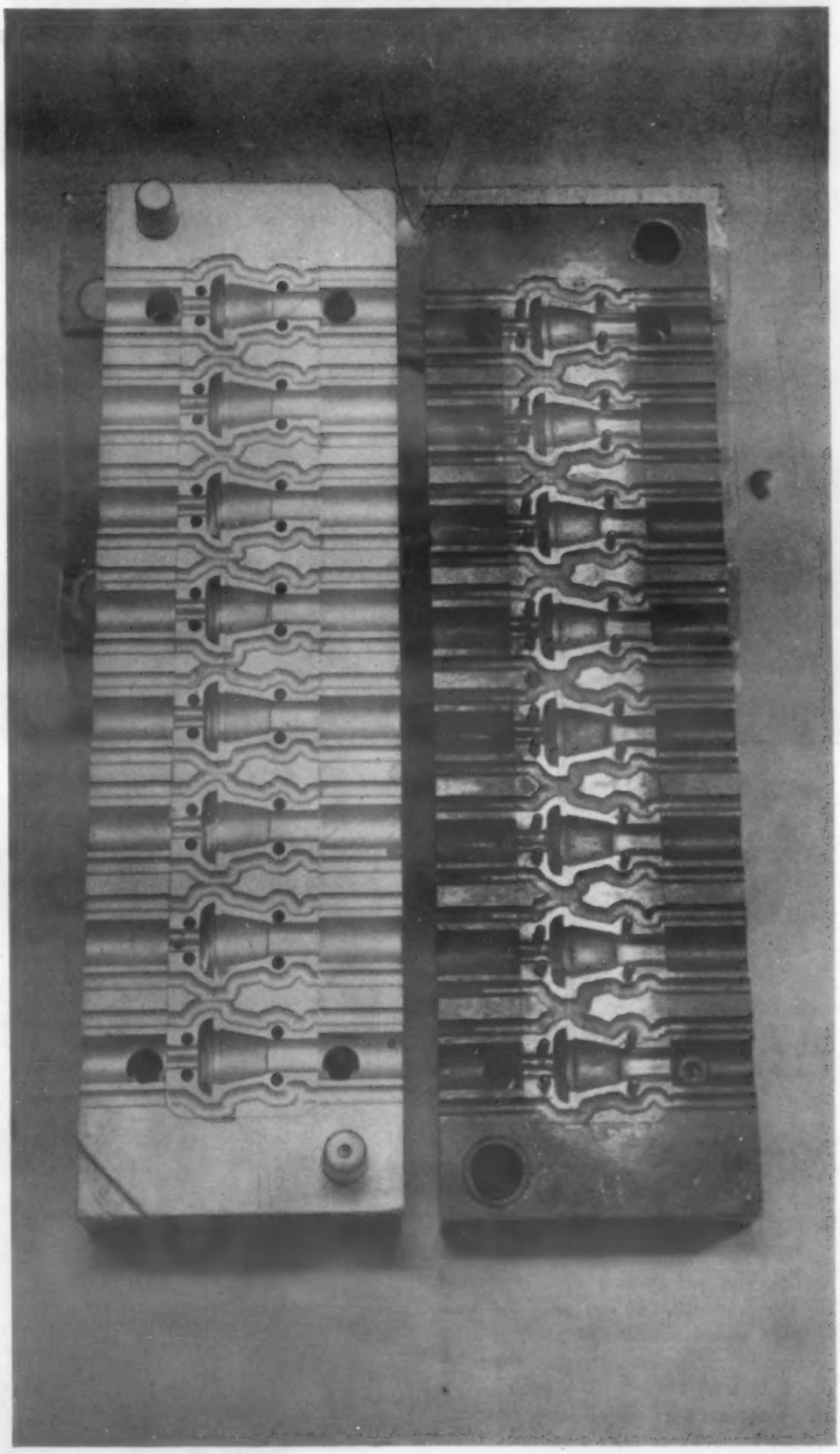
The process has also proved helpful in improving cutting tool life by removing grinding lines and feather edges from the cutting faces of the tool. At the same time it produces a satin finished tool.

Due to the highly stressed nature of many machine parts, the presence of directional grinding lines provides a source for fatigue failures. Liquid blasting can in many cases remove all traces of these lines, and in other cases blend them in such a manner as to reduce the possibility of fatigue failure.

Liquid blasting can be used to advantage for finishing threads where a smooth, close fit and easy turning is required. The process also has many possibilities for use in improving lubrication. The impact of the abrasive produces tiny indentations which serve as minute oil storage wells.

Finally, liquid blasting has a wide variety of maintenance cleaning applications. It has been used for engine overhaul work, for cleaning ordinance items, and for cleaning steam turbine blades.

***One of the important uses of liquid blasting is for die manufacturer and maintenance. Right, a precision rubber mold before blasting; left, after cleaning by liquid blasting.***



# Materials at Work

***Here is materials engineering in action . . .***
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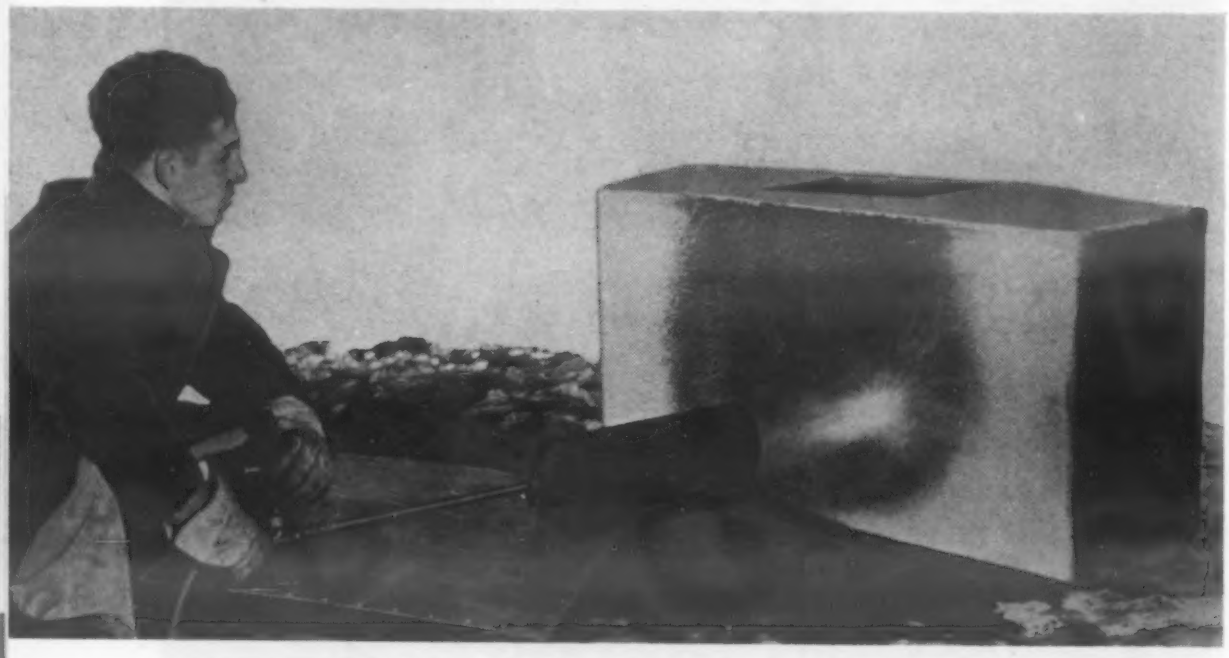
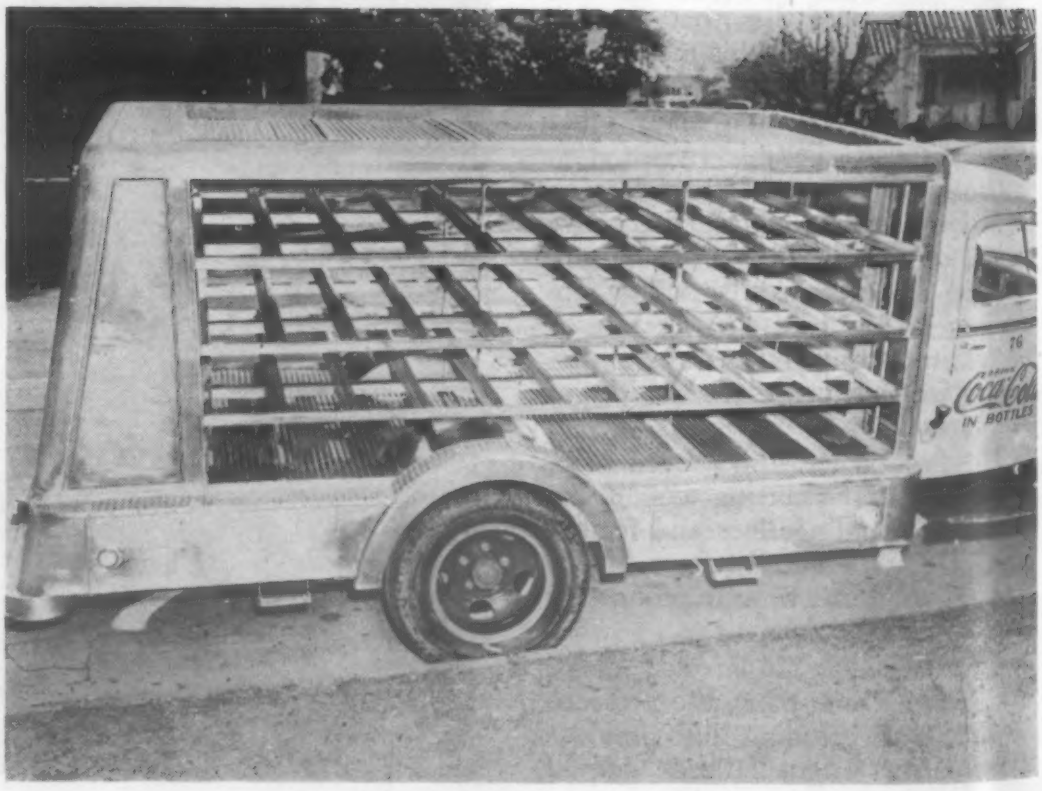


## RUBBER-COATED OIL TANK

*Developed for the United States Navy by the B. F. Goodrich Co., this new type aviation oil tank is capable of withstanding fire and temperatures above 2000 F without damage. The flame-resisting container, first of its kind, has a rubber-impregnated outer coating that greatly increases the factor of safety of oil cells for installations in combat aircraft. The cell is bullet-sealing as well as unusually resistant to heat and flame.*




## ALL-WELDED ALUMINUM TRUCK BODY

*Reportedly the first of its type ever produced, this all-welded, all-aluminum bottler's truck body was recently manufactured by the Lerio Corp., Mobile, Ala. It weighs approximately half as much as a conventional steel model, and in use, has developed no structural defects despite the normal rough handling to which it has been exposed. Both riveting and gas welding were considered for the fabrication of this unit, but were rejected as impractical and costly for this particular application. After experimentation, a General Electric 200-amp. a.c. inert arc welder was used and all joints produced without oxidation or discoloration.*

## POWDERED BRONZE MACHINE PARTS

*Compacted, sintered and coined from Super-Oilite bronze metal powder, this scavenger roll support for a spinning frame has a bearing surface between the toe and heel for a shaft that turns at 200 rpm. Lubricating oil is fed through the porous metal without danger of spotting the fabric being processed. This textile machine part was formerly produced both in cast iron and as a die casting, chromium plated, but such fabrication resulted in excessive machining and finishing costs when compared with the metal powder parts.*

## MOLYBDENUM SEAMLESS TUBE

*Recently produced by the Fansteel Metallurgical Corp., this extruded pure molybdenum seamless tube is believed to be the largest in the world. The tube, weighing 9750 grams, measures 2 in. outside dia., has ¼-in. wall thickness, and is 43 in. long. It was extruded from a special ingot and has a density of 10.2 gm. per cc. The fact that molybdenum has a high melting point (4757 F) and retains most of its desirable physical properties at elevated temperatures contributed to the extruding feat.*

## GLASS BEARING

*A journal bearing cut from a block of laminated glass 11½ in. long, 7¼ in. wide, and 5¾ in. high is used by General Motors to illustrate the operation of the hydrodynamic theory of lubrication. A chromium-plated steel shaft, turning within the bearing, is loaded, the magnitude of the load being visibly apparent by the oil rise in the manometers that extend above the bearing block. The glass bearing in this exhibit is 9.16 in. in dia. and was laminated of six glass sheets 1 in. thick and 16 quarter-inch sheets of glass. The sheets were joined with a transparent plastic adhesive. The block from which the bearing was made was the thickest lamination ever produced by Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co.*

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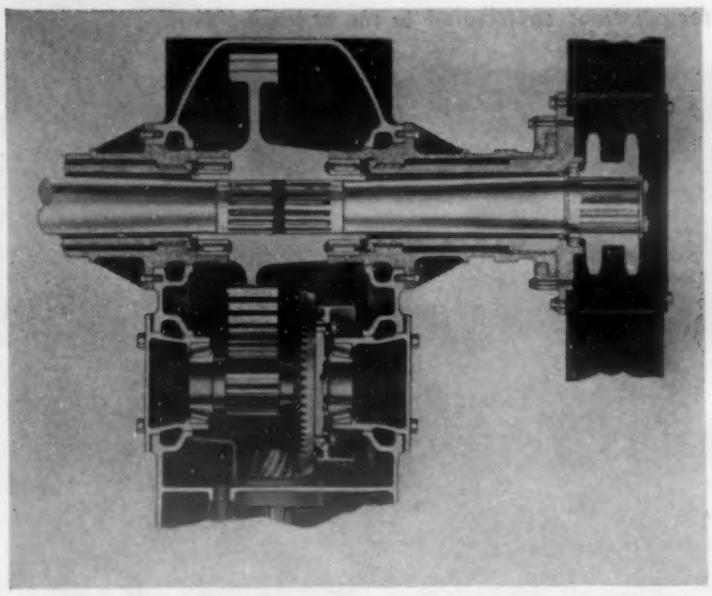

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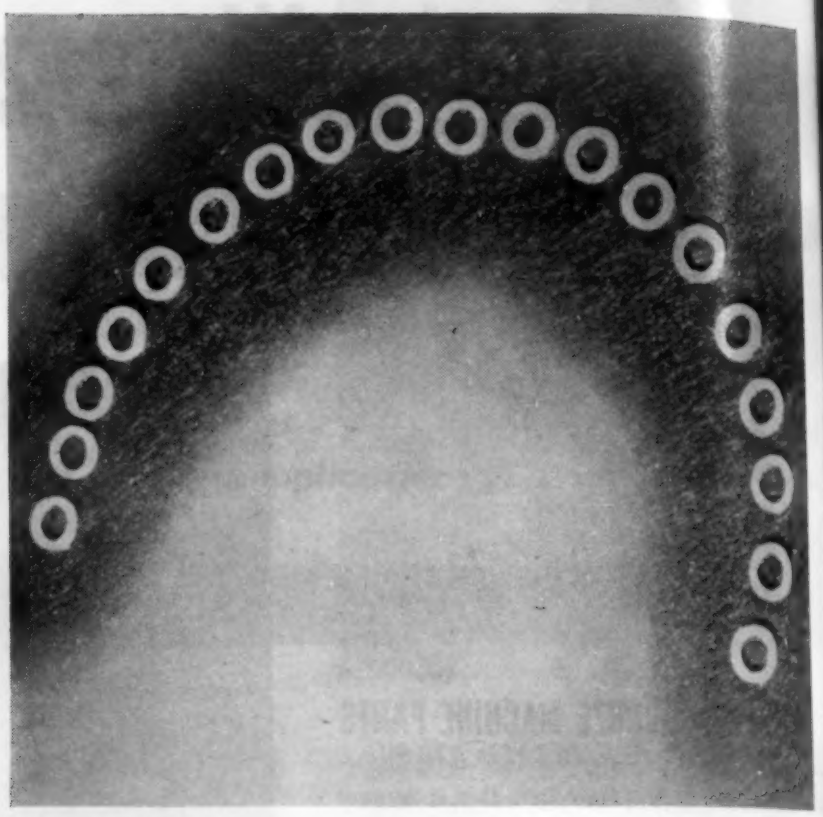
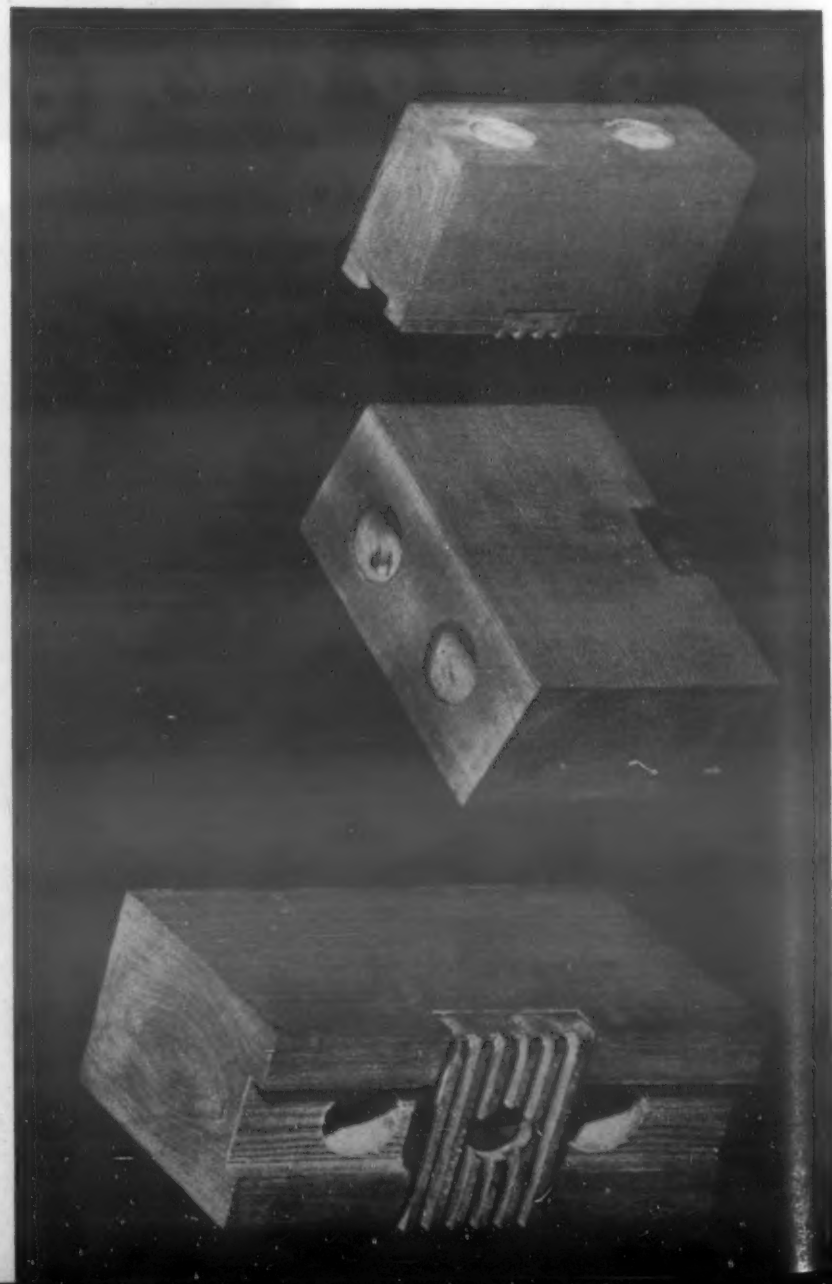


## COMMUTATOR SEGMENT WASHERS

*Small washers that hold the commutator segments of small motors are currently made from FM-10001 Polymer Nylon Strip by the Polymer Corp., Reading, Pa. The linen-base plastic formerly used required a large diameter washer to withstand the stresses incurred in motor assembly operations. Use of Nylon permits a reduction in the size of the washers without sacrifice of necessary strength. And in addition to neater appearance, the Nylon washers are not impaired by heat developed in the soldering of pigtails to the commutator segments.*

## PHENOLIC CHUCK JAWS

*To eliminate marring or distortion of work surfaces, these phenol formaldehyde soft jaw blanks provide a coefficient of friction approximately twice that of standard soft steel jaws under the same pressure. The lightweight blanks are easily machined to size and are recommended for chucking either soft or finely finished materials or thin-walled sections subject to distortion under normal chucking pressures. Produced by the Gisholt Machine Co., Madison, Wis., these chuck jaws are not satisfactory for use with coolants.*



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## Gray Iron Castings

by T. C. Du Mond, Editor, Materials & Methods

Gray iron castings are among the oldest forms in which ferrous metals are used. Despite the fact, this segment of the industry was one of the last to benefit from technological advancement. Today, however, we find gray iron castings offer unique combinations of properties not found in other materials. Moreover, these properties cover a wide range which makes necessary an intelligent selection of the proper base metal for maximum value. This manual describes the properties in gray iron castings and gives information on how to process such castings.

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# Introduction

Although common usage speaks of "gray iron castings" as though gray iron were a single material such as, say, 1040 steel, this is not true. There are several cast irons whose metallurgical characteristics are similar but the properties of which cover an extremely wide range. Since irons in the gray iron group offer tensile strengths varying from 20,000 psi. minimum up to over 60,000 psi. minimum, it can readily be seen why in general all inclusive statements cannot be made about "gray iron castings."

Perhaps it might be best, first of all, to define cast iron. Cast iron is essentially an alloy of iron, carbon and silicon, with carbon present in excess of the amount which can be retained in solid solution in austenite at the eutectic temperature. Alloy cast iron contains other elements in sufficient quantities to change properties measurably.

From this it is but a short step to a definition of gray iron. Gray cast iron contains a relatively large percentage of carbon in the form of graphite and the remainder of the carbon in the form of eutectoid carbide. The name is derived from the fact that cast iron of this general type exhibits a gray fracture when broken.

Gray cast irons usually fall within the following chemical range: 1.00 to 2.75 silicon, 2.70 to 3.60% total carbon, and manganese and phosphorus in minute to small quantities.

In addition to other methods of defining gray iron, it has been called steel plus graphite. In the cast iron, graphite is in the form of small flakes, and are in effect weak spots or voids in a steel matrix. By carrying on the analogy, then, gray iron is steel with small voids scattered throughout.

Unlike other materials, gray irons are generally specified according to tensile strength rather than by chemical composition. The A.S.T.M. recognizes this fact, and therefore avoids the setting up of chemical specifications for gray irons.

At one point in their history, gray irons were chosen primarily because they were cheap, easy to cast and readily machinable. Now, however, these materials are specified on the basis of their properties, some of which are not obtainable in other materials and others only in much more expensive materials.

Gray iron castings combine low cost melting and molding with ease of casting into intricate shapes. They offer good rigidity, compressive strength and excellent machinability. The latter property is less of a feature in the gray irons of higher tensile strength, although still rating as good.

The structure and strength of gray iron castings are controlled largely by the compositions of the iron and the cooling rate. While cupola charges for melting can be controlled, most of the variables in properties come about through the rate of cooling. Generally speaking, the slower the cooling rate, the lower the physical properties.

Cooling rates are affected by section and size of casting and, to a degree, the metal's pouring temperature. In view of the fact that section is important to cooling rate, it is understandable that a casting with various sections may show a variety of physical properties. Although compositions can be varied to reduce somewhat the effects of section sizes, design is probably the most satisfactory control.

For years the foundry industry had the reputation of being one of the oldest but least scientific of industries. During and since the last war, castings have had to compete with other materials and other fabricated parts. Hence, many, indeed most foundries have modernized their methods and now rely on precise control to provide castings which will perform as the customer orders.

In addition to the seven standard gray irons, there are several controlled irons which offer added properties not found in the standard materials. In addition, there are alloy irons, which, basically, are gray irons to which have been added one or more elements to provide specific service characteristics. As a general rule, the higher the properties of any type, the more costly the casting. In accordance with this, the lower the class of iron (lower strength) the lower the cost.

As the class of iron goes up, the difficulty of casting increases, accounting to a large extent for the increased cost.

As this manual was under preparation nodular graphitic cast iron reached the first commercial stages. At this time complete data is lacking on such cast irons, although indications are that tensile strength can be doubled and other properties bettered by producing the iron with the graphite in nodular form rather than as flakes. The form in which graphite appears is promoted by additions of magnesium or cerium.

This manual will confine itself largely to the standard gray irons, with occasional references to the special irons, controlled irons, alloy irons and other variations from the standard.

The gray iron foundry industry is second only to the rolled steel industry in the engineering materials field. During 1948, approximately 12.5 million tons of gray iron castings were produced. More than 3,000 foundries in the United States produce gray iron castings for sale or for their own use. These facts serve to illustrate the importance and widespread use of gray iron castings.

# Properties of Gray Iron Castings

As has often been stated, gray iron offers a combination of properties that is not to be found in any other material group. It was not too long ago that gray iron was chosen because it was cheap and easy to cast and despite the fact that low tensile strengths were the standard, as was extreme brittleness. New gray iron castings, through better control and foundry procedures, are able to compete with castings of other materials on the basis of their ability to do the job best and most economically.

The principal physical characteristic specified in gray iron castings is the tensile strength. Tensile strength in gray irons is controlled largely by the form in which graphite appears in the solidified metal as well as the distribution of the graphite. Tensile strengths ranging between 10,000 and 60,000 psi. can be produced in gray irons by controlling the arrangement, size and amount of graphite flakes. Graphite distribution and amount is determined first of all by the total carbon in the iron and then by the cooling rate of the casting.

Some materials engineers use a formula to evaluate the quality of a cast iron in accordance with its chemical composition. The formula, known as the "carbon equivalent" formula, follows:

$$C.E. = T.C. + \tfrac{1}{3}(Si + P)$$

C.E. is the carbon equivalent or quality rating. T.C. is total carbon. Si and P, of course, represent silicon and phosphorus. The lower the carbon equivalent, the higher the hardness and mechanical properties can be expected to be.

In interpreting equivalents determined by the formula, the following rules are used:

1—Low C.E. irons show less change in hardness at various cooling rates.

2—Low C.E. irons have less change in hardness in different section sizes.

3—Low C.E. irons give higher hardness and tensile strength in different section sizes.

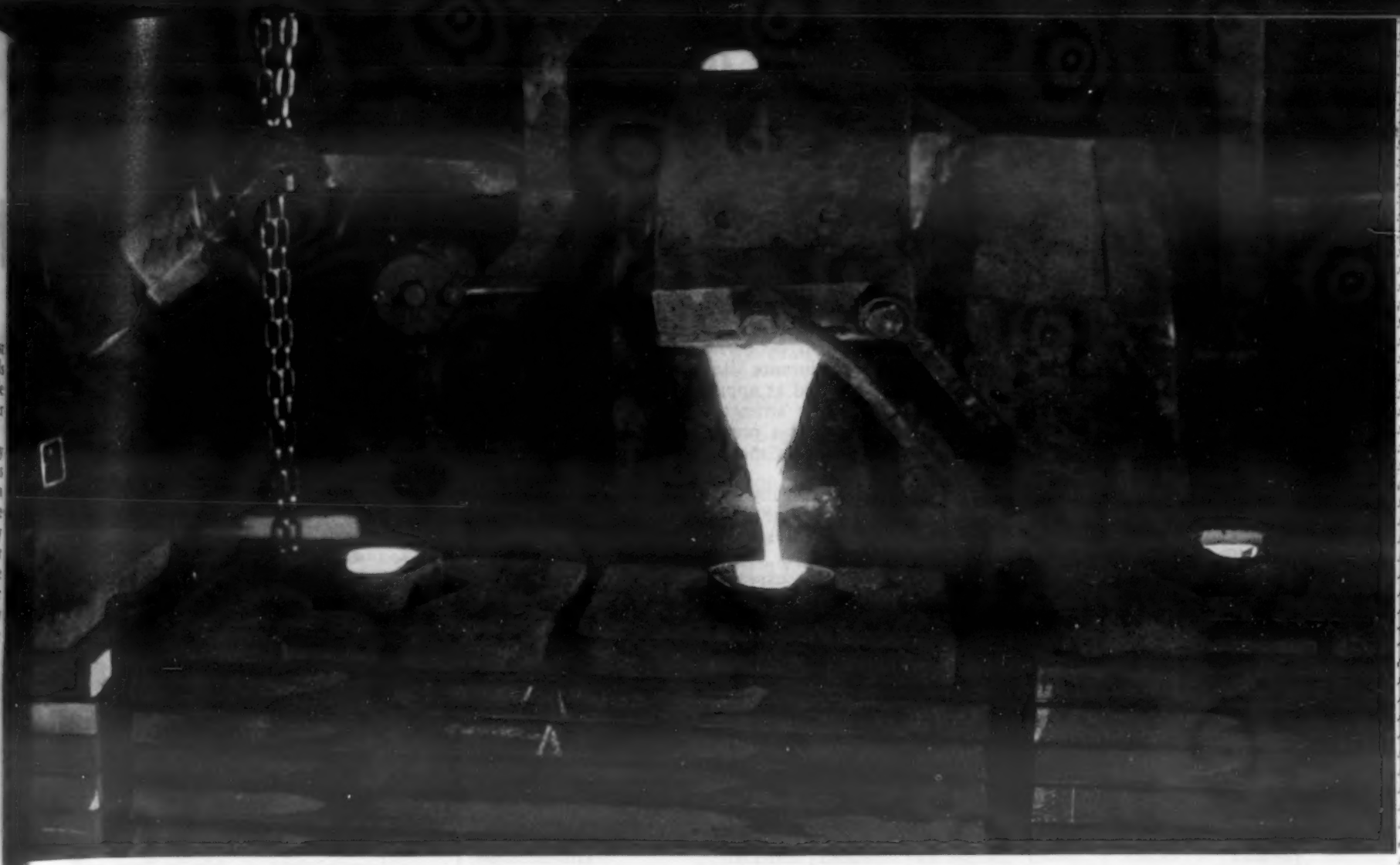
4—By varying the cooling rate or section size with the C.E. constant, the tensile strength and Brinell hardness will vary directly.

*Tensile Strength*—The majority of gray iron castings are furnished to specifications calling for tensile strengths falling between 25,000 and 50,000 psi. However, ASTM specifications class gray irons in seven groups with properties ranging from 20,000 psi. minimum to 60,000 psi. minimum tensile strengths. Special gray iron castings having up to 100,000 psi. have been provided, but their use is limited.

Tensile strength of a gray iron casting is determined by a test bar not attached to the casting. Size of the test bar varies with section thickness, since the mass of this type casting has considerable influence on the tensile properties.

Generally, it is difficult if not impossible to attain castings of the higher strength classes if thin sections are involved. However, nearly any required strength can be provided if design changes can be made. The usual minimum section thickness for the various classes of gray irons is included in the accompanying table.

At room temperatures it is safe to assume



*Many of the piston rings for automotive engines are made of gray iron. Here stacks of molds are being filled in the foundry of the American Hammered Piston Ring Div., Koppers Co.*

| Class | Tensile Strength, Min. Psi. | Usual Min. Wall Thickness, In. |
|---|---|---|
| No. 20 | 20,000 | ⅛ |
| No. 25 | 25,000 | ⅛ |
| No. 30 | 30,000 | ¼ |
| No. 35 | 35,000 | ⅜ |
| No. 40 | 40,000 | ½ |
| No. 50 | 50,000 | ½ |
| No. 60 | 60,000 | ¾ |

| Size of Section, In. | Nominal Dia. of Test Bar, In. |
|---|---|
| 0.50 and under | 0.875 |
| 0.51 to 1.00 | 1.20 |
| 1.01 to 2.00 | 2.00 |
| over 2.00 | Larger bars by agreement between manufacturer and purchaser |

that gray irons have a long time strength or tensility equal to 80% of the short time tensile strength. This means that a gray iron having 40,000 psi. tensile strength could stand indefinitely a static load equivalent to a stress of approximately 37,000 psi. without distortion or breakage.

All gray irons retain their tensile strength properties at temperatures up to 450 F, and many operate satisfactorily up to 650 F.

Strength properties of gray iron castings are affected by heat treatment. Stress relief annealing of castings which are likely to have internal stresses is helpful, while full annealing and slow cooling will reduce tensility.

*Hardness*—There is a direct relationship between the tensile strength and the hardness of gray iron, as there is with steel, although the relationship is subject to variation in accordance with foundry practice. Therefore, while hardness increases as the tensile strength goes up, it is not safe to assume that by specifying one property the other one will be assured. Minimum values should be given for both properties.

Unlike the case of steel, hardnesses of gray irons do not have a relationship to ductility and compressive strength.

Commercial gray iron casting (nonalloy) range in hardness from 150 to 260 Brinell. The Brinell hardness number in fully annealed castings may range between 100 and 140.

It is possible to increase the hardness of gray iron castings through heat treatment, although such processing usually is provided to achieve other properties.

*Compressive Strength*—Gray iron castings are stronger in compression than in tension, with compressive strengths running as high as 4½ times the tensile strengths. The ratio cited is for the iron of lower strengths, with the ratio falling down to about 2.5:1 in the stronger irons. On this basis, compressive strengths range from 65,000 psi. up to 170,000 psi.

Speaking comparatively, gray irons offer compressive strengths that are better than most nonferrous alloys, greater than those of the usual normalized cast steel, and on a par with alloy steel that has not been heat treated.

This property makes gray iron well suited

## Automotive Type Cast Iron

### Physical Properties[1]

| SAE No. | Hardness BHN | Transverse Lb., Min. | Deflection In., Min. | Tension Psi., Min. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 110 | 187 Max. | 1800 | 0.15 | 20,000 |
| 111 | 170-223 | 2200 | 0.20 | 30,000 |
| 120 | 187-241 | 2400 | 0.24 | 35,000 |
| 121 | 202-255 | 2600 | 0.27 | 40,000 |
| 122 | 217-269 | 2800 | 0.30 | 45,000 |

[1]*Properties determined from arbitration test bar (1.2-in. dia., broken on 18-in. supports).*

*SAE 110 Miscellaneous soft iron castings (as cast or annealed) in which strength is not of primary consideration.*

*SAE 111 Small cylinder blocks, cylinder heads, air cooled cylinders, pistons, clutch plates, oil pump bodies, transmission cases, gear boxes, clutch housings, light weight brake drums, etc.*

*SAE 120 Automobile cylinder blocks, cylinder heads, flywheels, truck brake drums, cylinder sleeves, cylinder liners, pistons, etc.*

*SAE 121 Truck and tractor cylinder blocks and heads, heavy flywheels, tractor transmission cases, differential carrier castings, heavy gear boxes.*

*SAE 122 Diesel engine castings, liners, cylinders, pistons, and heavy parts in general.*

for use in stamping and forming dies where loads are largely compressive. Gray iron castings are used for die shoes and supporting sections for use with dies of other materials such as cemented carbides and hardened steels.

*Shear Strength*—Shear strength tests are often used to test the quality of a gray iron casting, with specimens taken directly from the casting. In these castings the shear strength is equal to the tensile strength in the high strength gray irons. In the irons of lower strength, the shear strength often is up to 1.6 times the tensile strength.

*Yield Point*—Gray irons exhibit no sharp yield point, proportional limit or elastic limit. Therefore, there is no straight line result in a stress-strain diagram. Gray irons can generally sustain a load of 80% of the tensile strength without perceptible creep. However, there is a slight amount of creep even under small loads. Where such creep might interfere with proper functioning of parts, it can be overcome through advance treatments. In these properties, gray iron is roughly comparable to low alloy steel.

*Fatigue Strength*—The fatigue strength (endurance limit) of gray irons can be figured at approximately 40 to 55% of the tensile strength, varying linearly. Tied in with this property is the notch sensitivity, which is much less for gray iron than for steel.

In many cases the actual reduction in endurance limit caused by mechanical notches is much less than expected by computation.

One explanation of the low notch sensitivity is that since graphite in the gray iron creates so many discontinuities, the addition of a mechanical notch will have little additional effect in concentrating stresses. This theory is borne out to some degree by the fact that the gray irons of higher tensile strength are more sensitive to the notch effect than are the lower tensile strength grades.

*Modulus of Elasticity*—The effective modulus of elasticity of gray irons is computed at 25% of the ultimate strength and range from a minimum of 12,000,000 psi. up to more than 18,000,000 psi. The values increase in direct relationship to the tensile strength of the iron. However, there is no well defined elastic limit for a gray iron.

*Coefficient of Expansion*—Although the coefficient of expansion varies somewhat according to the carbon content of the gray iron, a value of 0.000010 per deg. C is considered sufficiently accurate for normal temperature changes. This value is about twice that of steel.

# Service Characteristics of Gray Iron Castings

Gray iron castings have many favorable service characteristics. Several of these are about on a par, depending upon the end use to which the castings are put. Producers of gray iron cite these properties in their materials—a combination not found in any other competitive material:

High wear and abrasion resistance
High corrosion resistance and durability
Machinability
High damping capacity
High heat resistance
High rigidity
Low thermal expansion

These properties will be taken up and discussed separately.

*Wear Resistance*—Gray iron is outstanding in its resistance to wear from sliding friction. For this reason castings of the material are used universally for internal combustion engine cylinders and cylinder liners. The wear resistant property is attained, at least in part, by the graphite peculiar to gray iron. The graphite serves as a lubricant and minimizes galling.

There is, as yet, no positive proof of why gray iron resists wear so well. However, since those irons which contain a random distribution of graphite in a matrix which contains no free ferrite best provide this property, the belief is that the microstructure is the most important guide to wear resistance. Nevertheless, many buyers of gray iron castings for applications involving wear specify Brinell hardnesses in excess of 190.

For some applications the gray iron castings are hardened through heat treatment to increase the wear resistance.

For metal-to-metal contact, where lubrication is lacking or uneven, gray iron serves well. The metal against which it moves can be either itself or almost any other metal. Gray iron might cut some softer alloys but generally works satisfactorily with material as hard or harder than itself.

*Corrosion Resistance*—While ordinary gray iron castings are not intended for highly corrosive service, their resistance to corrosion is better than carbon steels and some low alloy steels. Gray iron water mains have been in service for as long as 100 years. Although a coating of rust will form on gray iron in moist atmospheres, subsequent rust penetration is slow. This condition is true, at least in part, to the layer of graphite flakes below the surface.

Gray irons are resistant to strong sulfuric, phosphoric and nitric acids, but are attacked by dilute solutions. Likewise, they resist many alkaline and caustic solutions such as lye, soda ash and ammonia. The close grained types of gray irons are most resistant to corrosive attack. These are the irons in the 30,000 to 40,000 psi. tensile strength classes.

Because of their resistance to the corrosive effects of alkaline fluids, gray iron castings find wide use in the petroleum, glass, soap, viscose rayon, dyestuffs and paper manufacturing fields.

As another indication of corrosion resistance there is the fact that gray iron has been used for heads, cylinder liners and blocks in salt cooled internal combustion engines for many years.

Where extreme corrosive conditions or contact with corrosive media at elevated

***Now through developments of the Eaton Manufacturing Co., gray iron can be cast centrifugally with a general increase in properties and finish.***

temperatures is anticipated, special grades and alloy cast irons should be used.

*Damping Capacity*—One of the reasons gray iron is so valuable for use in flywheels, crankshafts, camshafts and similar parts subject to vibration is that material's capacity to absorb or "dampen" such vibration. This property is found in gray iron to a greater degree than in any other common engineering material. Energy absorbed per cycle in gray iron is about 10 times that of steel.

The damping property in gray iron is often demonstrated by striking the casting with a hammer. The result will be a dull thud. A similar blow on steel will produce a distinct ringing sound. Graphite is believed to be the reason why gray iron has this damping property, since the graphite serves as a large area of voids in the structure which, in turn, permit the metal structure to deform.

It has been determined that the lower the tensile strength in gray irons, the greater is the damping capacity. In other words, the stiffer the iron the less is its capacity to absorb vibration.

There is no widely accepted method of using the damping capacity in design, but it is well to know that the property is available. Effective strength of a part may be much greater with a high damping capacity and only fair strength than would be true if the reverse were the case.

*Machinability*—Although gray iron castings are generally reputed to be highly machinable, this is not necessarily so. Gray irons cover such a wide range of composition, structure and mechanical properties that generalizations should not be made.

The lower strength gray irons possess the best machinability, although the quality of finish attained depends upon the grain structure. A coarse-grained gray iron will result in a pitted surface caused by metal tearing away from the graphite during the cutting. Good finishes are attained in fine-grained material.

The easiest gray iron to machine is that which has been cast in permanent molds and then fully annealed. Some of the difficulty in machining gray irons that normally would be easy to machine is caused by carbides, chill spots and hard edges. All of these conditions can be avoided by proper design, molding techniques and control.

*Heat Resistance*—The ordinary unalloyed gray irons exhibit a remarkable stability over a wide temperature range. Depending upon the application, gray iron castings can be used at temperatures up to 650, 850 and 1200 F.

Although many engineering codes do not permit the use of gray iron for pressure vessels at elevated temperatures, ASTM specifications now indicate the use for pressure vessels at temperatures up to 650 F.

Gray irons show no more than a slight loss of strength up to 800 F, although a sharp drop occurs above 900 F. Below 800 F, the materials maintain their hardness, wear resistance and fatigue limit, although the compressive strength drops somewhat.

As with any ferrous material, oxidation is likely to result at high temperatures, particularly in the presence of some corrosive media.

At higher temperatures, gray irons are likely to increase in volume, particularly when subjected to repeated heating and cooling cycles. This characteristic is known as growth and is thought to result from chemical changes in the irons. Growth causes a serious loss in strength and a great increase in brittleness.

## Engineering Properties of Gray Iron

| Class | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 | 60 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tensile strength, psi. (min.) | 30000 | 35000 | 40000 | 45000 | 50000 | 60000 |
| Transverse strength, load, lb. | 2200 | 2400 | 2600 | 2800 | 3000 | 3400 |
| 1.2-in.-dia. bar, deflection, in. | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.22 | 0.22 | 0.24 | 0.26 |
| Compressive strength, psi. | 105000 | 115000 | 125000 | 135000 | 150000 | 175000 |
| Torsional strength, psi. | 40000 | 45000 | 54000 | 60000 | 67000 | 76000 |
| Modulus of elasticity[b], psi. $\times 10^{-6}$ | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| Torsional modulus, psi. $\times 10^{-6}$ | — | — | 5.5 | 6.6 | 7.0 | 8.0 |
| Impact strength, Izod AB (1.2-in.-dia. unnotched) ft.-lb. | 23 | 25 | 31 | 36 | 65 | 75 |
| Brinell hardness | 180 | 200 | 220 | 240 | 240 | 260 |
| Endurance limit, psi. Smooth | 15500 | 17500 | 19500 | 21500 | 25500 | 27500 |
| Notched | (13500) | (15500) | 17500 | (19500) | 21500 | 23500 |
| Damping capacity | Excellent | Excellent | Excellent | Good | Good | Good |
| Machinability | Excellent | Excellent | Excellent | Good | Good | Fair |
| Wear resistance | Fair | Fair | Good | Good | Excellent | Excellent |
| Pressure tightness | Fair | Fair | Good | Good | Excellent | Excellent |
| Specific gravity, lb. per cu. in. | 0.254 | 0.258 | 0.262 | 0.267 | 0.269 | 0.270 |
| Thermal coefficient of expansion: (50-200 F) | 6.5-6.7 | — | 6.6-6.8 | 6.4-6.4 | — | — |
| (50-500 F) | 6.9-7.2 | — | 7.1-7.3 | 6.8-7.0 | — | — |
| (in. per in.) $\times 10^{-6}$ (50-800 F) | 7.4-7.6 | — | 7.4-7.6 | 7.0-7.2 | — | — |
| Coef. of friction (against steel) | — | — | — | (0.19) | (0.195) | (0.20) |

*Note: Values in ( ) estimated.* [b] *At 25% of tensile strength.*

Growth rarely occurs at temperatures below 600 to 700 F unless certain corroding agents such as superheated steam are present. In certain grades, particularly the coarse-grained types, the growth and consequent loss of strength can come at lower temperatures. In some cases, the permanent effects of growth, at least as far as size is concerned, are offset by heat treatments prior to final machining.

*Properties at Low Temperatures*—Gray iron castings retain their properties to extremely low temperatures. Tests have been carried on to temperatures down to —317 F. In some cases tensile strength and hardness showed a slight increase, but there was no increase in brittleness. Below —112 F tests show a slight decrease in impact value.

This property, together with the high temperature property, shows gray iron to be relatively stable over a temperature range of 1170 degrees—from —317 to 800 F.

*Brittleness and Impact Strength*—Gray iron castings are not generally recommended for applications where impact or shock resistance are required to a great degree. Gray iron is much more brittle than steel and is marked by a much more distinct fracture than steel. Izod and Charpy impact tests both show this.

Although there is no definite relationship between shock resistance and tensile strength, in general those gray irons having the higher tensile values also provide better impact properties.

The impact value must be interpreted properly for any given application. For example, if a steel and a gray iron were both under consideration for a given application, the steel would likely be chosen if impact strength were the determining factor. However, it is entirely possible that although the gray iron would fracture under a certain set of conditions the steel would permanently deform to such an extent under the same conditions that it would be useless.

*Electrical and Magnetic Properties*—The specific resistance of gray iron is generally high, although certain alloying elements may alter this property. Gray iron resistance grids are used frequently in rather high electrical circuits, since this material is the lowest cost obtainable for a given thermal dissipation capacity.

Gray irons are magnetic, with the best magnetic properties found in ferritic irons where graphite is in nodular form. Flake graphite lowers the degree of magnetism attainable because the flakes act as voids which provide areas where demagnetizing forces are set up.

*Thermal Conductivity*—Although thermal conductivity is not one of the outstanding virtues of gray irons, this property is relatively good at lower temperatures. Conductivity decreases as the service temperature rises, reaching a low value at 750 F. An increase in precipitation of graphite such as is attained by annealing increases conductivity. The ferritic gray irons offer the best conductivity properties.

## Summary of Gray Iron Specifications

### GENERAL CASTINGS

| Specifying Body | Spec. No. | Class | Required Chemistry %S Max. | %P Max. | %C | %Si | %Mn | Others | Tensile Strength Psi. | Minimum Physical Properties[4] Transverse Properties 0.875-in. Bar Str. Lb. | 12-in. Span Def. In. | 1.2-in. Bar Str. Lb. | 18-in. Span Def. In. | 2.0-in. Bar Str. Lb. | 24-in. Span Def. In. | Brinell Hardness Max. | Uses |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ASTM | A48-48[1] | 20 | Not specified[2] | | | | | | 20,000[3] | 900 | — | 1800 | — | 6000 | — | — | Gray iron castings |
| | | 25 | | | | | | | 25,000 | 1025 | — | 2000 | — | 6800 | — | — | |
| | | 30 | | | | | | | 30,000 | 1150 | — | 2200 | — | 7600 | — | — | |
| | | 35 | | | | | | | 35,000 | 1275 | — | 2400 | — | 8300 | — | — | |
| | | 40 | | | | | | | 40,000 | 1400 | — | 2600 | — | 9100 | — | — | |
| | | 50 | | | | | | | 50,000 | 1675 | — | 3000 | — | 10,300 | — | — | |
| | | 60 | | | | | | | 60,000 | 1925 | — | 3400 | — | 12,500 | — | — | |
| ASTM | A190-47 | — | Not specified | | | | | | | Determined only at request of purchaser | | | | | | [5] | Lightweight and thin-sectioned castings |
| Federal | QQ-1-652 | 20-60 Special | Not specified | | | | | | Identical with ASTM Spec. A48-48[6, 7] | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | Iron, gray; castings |
| Navy | 46-1-6c | Light | 0.12 | — | — | — | — | — | 18,000[6, 8] | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | Iron, gray; castings |
| | | Medium | 0.12 | — | — | — | — | — | 21,000 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | |
| | | Heavy | 0.12 | — | — | — | — | — | 24,000 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | |
| Navy | 46-1-5c | A | 0.12 | 0.20 | — | — | — | — | 30,000[6, 8] | — | — | — | — | — | — | 250 | Iron, gray; high test; castings |
| | | B | 0.12 | 0.20 | — | — | — | — | 35,000 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 260 | |
| | | C | 0.12 | 0.20 | — | — | — | — | 40,000 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 270 | |
| | | D | 0.12 | 0.20 | — | — | — | — | 45,000 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 280 | |
| ABS | 40-93 | — | Not specified | | | | | | 20,000[9] (Substantial agreement ASTM A48-48) | — | — | — | — | 6000 | — | — | Gray iron castings |

### AUTOMOTIVE CASTINGS

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ASTM | A159-47 | 110 | Not specified but ranges suggested | | | | | | 20,000 | — | — | 1800 | 0.15 | — | — | 187 | Automotive gray iron castings |
| | | 111 | | | | | | | 30,000 | — | — | 2200 | 0.20 | — | — | 170-223 | |
| | | 120 | | | | | | | 35,000 | — | — | 2400 | 0.24 | — | — | 187-241 | |
| | | 121 | | | | | | | 40,000 | — | — | 2600 | 0.27 | — | — | 202-255 | |
| | | 122 | | | | | | | 45,000 | — | — | 2800 | 0.30 | — | — | 217-269 | |

### PRESSURE-CONTAINING CASTINGS FOR USE AT HIGH TEMPERATURES

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ASTM | A278-44T | 40 | 0.12 0.25 C.E. = 3.8% max.[9a] | | | | | | 40,000[10] | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | Gray iron castings for pressure-containing parts for temp. up to 650 F |
| | | 50 | C.E. = % Total C. + 0.3 (%Si + %P) | | | | | | 50,000 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | |
| | | 60 | | | | | | | 60,000 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | |

### NON-PRESSURE CONTAINING CASTINGS FOR USE AT HIGH TEMPERATURES

| | | | Recommended Max. | Max. | Min. | C.E. | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ASTM | A319-48T | I[10e] | 0.12 | 0.60 | 3.5 | 3.81/4.4 | — | Superior thermal shock resistance, low to moderate tensile strength<br>Average thermal shock resistance, moderate tensile strength up to 30,000 psi.<br>Higher tensile strength than Classes I or II (up to 40,000 psi. may be specified) | | | | | | | | | Gray iron castings for elevated temperatures for non-pressure containing parts |
| | | II[10e] | 0.12 | 0.60 | 3.2 | 3.51/4.1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | III[10e] | 0.12 | 0.60 | 2.8 | 3.2/3.8 | | | | | | | | | | | |

### GRAY IRON ALLOY CASTINGS (SCALE RESISTING)

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Navy | 46-1-9 | — | 0.10 | 0.20 | 2.6/3.0 | 1.25/2.20 | 0.8/1.3 | 25,000[9, 9a] | — | — | — | — | — | — | 120-180 | Iron, gray, alloy; castings (scale-resisting) |
| | | | *Ni* 12.0/15.0 | | *Cr* 2.0/3.5 | | *Cu* 5.0/7.0 | | | | | | | | | | |

[1] *This is a basic specification used by AAR, API, AREA, ASME, NBFU, SAE and others.*
[2] *Chemical analysis in most gray iron specifications subordinated to physical properties, but may be specified by agreement between manufacturer and purchaser.*
[3] *Tensile test preferred, transverse tests optional.*
[4] *Test bar normally based on controlling section of casting according to following table:*

| Size of Section—In. | Nominal Dia. of Test Bar—In. |
|---|---|
| *0.50 and under* | *0.875* |
| *0.50 and 1.00* | *1.20* |
| *1.01 to 2.00* | *2.00* |
| *2.00 and over* | *Larger bar by agreement* |

[5] *Shall be machinable at locations designated by purchaser.*
[6] *If specified in invitations for bids, castings and test bars requiring dimensional stability shall be stress-relief annealed.*
[7] *Special class for cases where required properties are not covered by Classes 20-60.*
[8] *Tensile test coupons to be cast attached to casting if practical and not injurious to either. As alternate procedure, specimen should be cast attached to special block. Dimensions tensile specimen correspond to ASTM A124-39 (discontinued by ASTM in 1939).*
[8a] *Castings may be annealed by heating to 1750 F and cooling in air or quenching in oil.*
[9] *Surveyors will accept gray iron to other specifications if approved in connection with design.*
[9a] *All irons may be alloyed to stabilize structure for elevated temperature service.*
[10] *Castings and test bars shall be stress-relieved previous to test (Sec. 2b ASTM Spec. A278-44T).*
[10e] *If alloyed with chromium in the indicated ranges, each class shall be further subdivided into the following "Types": A-0.20/0.40; B-0.41/0.65; C-0.66/0.95; D-0.96/1.20%. All classes may be further alloyed.*

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# Processing Gray Iron Castings

Although new techniques in casting, including better control over all phases of the operation, have reduced somewhat the need for further processing of gray iron castings, some work must be done on every casting. Principal processes involved are cleaning and finishing, heat treating and welding.

## Finishing

While most castings are used in their natural state, after cleaning, it is sometimes desirable to provide a special finish. Castings can be japanned, enameled, galvanized and painted by the processes which are well known to the ferrous metal field.

On the other hand, practically all gray iron castings require one or more cleaning operations. Wire brushing, tumbling, sand and shot blasting are all invoked, the exact process being largely dependent upon the size and quantity of castings to be cleaned.

Although not as commonly used as the other cleaning processes, pickling is occasionally used.

The cleaning methods enumerated are used primarily for the removal of embedded sand and shop dirt. For use of the casting in the unfinished state, these steps are sufficient. However, if a protective or decorative finish is to be applied, degreasing and/or alkaline cleaning will be necessary to assure a good, long-lived finish.

## Machining

Along with cleaning, almost every gray iron casting requires some machining. If nothing else, the machining may be just a simple grinding operation to remove parting lines and gate and riser marks. Practically all of the common machining methods can be used on gray iron castings, but all require care in application to attain most satisfactory results.

Gray iron has the reputation of being highly machinable. This reputation is sound, but machinability decreases in the stronger ordinary gray irons and in many of the alloy irons. Therefore, it is not practical in a treatise of this type to do more than give general rules covering machining practice. Definite cutting speeds and feeds can be readily determined for castings being processed in quantities.

In machining gray iron castings, the character of the finish, both as to accuracy and finish, is controlled by many factors. In the first group are included depth of cut, feed, shape of cutting tool, and the speed at which cutting is done. Secondly, there must be considered rigidity of the machine tool, the stiffness of the actual cutting tool, and flexibility in the casting. Finally, there must be considered the quality of the cutting tool. Carbide tools provide the best finish and ordinary carbon tool steels the least satisfactory finish.

As might be gathered, anything which might cause movement of tool or work will result in chatter, inaccurate machining and relatively poor surfaces.

When machining castings, care must be taken to avoid any movement of the work. This means that proper jigs and fixtures must be used, or that strong holding devices be employed where quantities involved do not justify special fixtures. Too, if the portion to be machined is thin, there is a possibility of the work deflecting under tool pressure. Therefore, backing plates or some suitable bracing is required for best machining results.

When castings made from coarse grained gray irons are machined, it is almost impossible to attain a smooth finish. Hard metals in the casting pull out from the graphite and leave small pits. Some users of castings minimize this condition by a final grinding operation. Good finishes are easily attained in the close grained gray irons, especially when carbide tools are used.

It is generally advisable to give the castings an annealing heat treatment prior to machining. A stress-relief anneal will help prevent distortion which sometimes occurs during machining. A full anneal will appreciably lower hardness of the casting and make machining easier.

When heat treating is anticipated, it is often wise to rough machine the casting before the heat treatment and give it a final grind to size after. This will provide for any growth which might have taken place.

## Heat Treating

Gray iron castings are comparable in their reactions to heat treating with steel parts subjected to those same treatments. The difference lies in procedures.

Gray irons that are low in silicon content respond best to heat treatment. Satisfactory hardening requires that in melting for the casting close control has been exercised over silicon content and demands close control over heat treating temperatures.

Three classes of treatments involving heat are applied to gray iron castings. These are:

Stress relief annealing
Full annealing
Hardening

*Stress Relief*—Aging, normalizing, mild annealing are all used to identify the operation, but stress relieving is a more accurate designation of the process.

Castings are heated to a temperature between 800 and 1100 F for a varying time period, depending on the heaviest section. A safe rule to follow is to allow the casting to remain at top heat for 1 hr. per in. of heaviest section. The casting is then allowed to cool slowly in the furnace.

Stress relief annealing results in a slight decrease in hardness of the gray iron, very little decomposition of cementite, and a slight change in tensile strength at room temperature.

When it is known that the casting is to be enameled or galvanized, a low temperature anneal can be employed. The chief purpose of this type of anneal is to drive out gases entrapped in the casting.

*Annealing*—Gray iron castings are annealed in order that they be softened enough to simplify machining. A completely annealed unalloyed gray iron casting will have a Brinell hardness of 120 to 130. In addition to softening the metal, annealing results in a reduction in strength. Both of these changes result from a reduction in the combined carbon and an increase in graphite content.

Annealing is commonly done in the temperature range of 1400 to 1500 F, although a range of 1200 to 1250 F is also used. As in stress relieving, castings should be held at the ultimate heating temperature for a period equivalent to 1 hr. per in. of section thickness.

*Hardening*—Hardening of gray iron castings through heating to above the transformation point, quenching and drawing will increase the hardness and wear resistance and approximately double the tensile strength. However, this treatment can only be applied to castings of simple shape.

Those gray irons nominally included in the "soft irons" group are not customarily hardened, although they can be hardened to a martensitic structure. The soft irons require longer times at temperature as well as higher temperatures to obtain the desired carbon content in the austenite.

As-quenched castings have lower tensile strengths than when in the as-cast condition, although this property as well as impact strength are helped greatly by subsequent tempering.

Heating prior to quenching is slow and uniform until a temperature between 1500 and 1600 F is reached. After soaking—holding at heat for 1 hr. per in. of heaviest section—the casting is quenched. Quenching is usually done in oil, although occasionally water and less frequently air is used as the medium.

After quenching, at which point extreme hardness is reached, the casting should be tempered. Softening proceeds uniformly as the tempering temperature is increased above 350 F. As mentioned, strength and impact properties are improved by tempering. Wear resistance in quenched and tempered castings is from 2 to 7 times that of an untreated casting. Cylinder liners heated for hardness and wear resistance show a Brinell hardness of 375 to 500.

*Methods of Heat Treatment*—Practically all of the usual heat treating equipment commercially available can be used in treating gray iron castings. Flame hardening and induction hardening are both used for localized hardening for wear resistance. Austempering is often applied by heating to between 1500 and 1600 F and quenching in a molten salt bath at 500 to 550 F for from 15 min. to 1 hr., depending upon the size of the casting.

## Welding

Welding is frequently required on gray iron castings. Welding is used primarily as a means of repairing or reclaiming defective castings, rather than as a joining method. Several casting methods are commonly used. Special techniques or special welding rods are required.

Except in those instances where the metal structure does not matter can preheating of the casting be avoided. Arc welding and gas welding require a preheat and postheat of the castings. Otherwise difficulty will be encountered in machining the weld area and undesirable localized stresses will be set up.

A so-called cold weld uses pure nickel rod which is heated to a mushy temperature and then deposited into defective areas. This method is only used for relatively small areas.

*Gas Welding*—For gas welding, the cast-



C-0.66/0.95; D-0.98/1.20%. All classes may be further alloyed.
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ing is heated to a dull red heat and welded while hot with a cast iron rod which has a high silicon content. The rod should have approximately the same chemistry as the casting. A suitable flux must be used for removing oxides. When the weld is completed, the casting is permitted to cool slowly to room temperature. A weld so produced will be strong as well as machinable.

*Arc Welding*—When arc welding is used on gray iron castings, preheating is desirable. Preheating speeds the actual welding operation, relieves stresses, helps to retain the characteristic structure of the base metal, avoids formation of unmachinable spots, and helps offset a tendency towards cracking. Castings thinner than ¼ in. are seldom welded because of the difficulty in avoiding cracks in hard areas.

For arc welding, special welding rods are available, both coated and uncoated. Welding is done by the use of a low current, and deposition of weld metal should be intermittent. One head should be permitted to cool and be peened slightly before the next head is laid. These steps reduce the hardening effect. After welding, the part should be annealed.

Where strength is secondary to the machining characteristics, a 67% nickel rod can be used. The use of such a rod provides a good color match, where appearance is important.

*Bronze Welding*—Little preheating is necessary for bronze welding, but if, in gas welding, the base metal temperature is raised to about 1500 or 1600 F, the copper alloy will tin the cast iron and make a strong bond. When arc welding with bronze rod, preheating is not generally needed. Care should be taken to avoid too high a welding current.

*Other Welding Methods*—Thermit welding is applied to some castings, but large areas to be filled create problems in cracking due to the high heat of the process. Forge and resistance welding are not applicable, and submerged—or hidden arc welding procedures—have not yet been developed for this type of casting.

# Alloy and Controlled Irons

Ordinary gray irons such as are included in the standard ASTM specifications have a variety of properties and characteristics which make them extremely useful for an extreme range of applications. However, there are often applications in which many of the properties are wanted as-is, but some which should be modified. Therefore, alloying elements are added to achieve the desired modifications.

This section will not attempt to describe the various alloy irons, for they could well be the subject of a manual in themselves. The same could be said for the controlled irons and inoculated irons. Therefore, this discussion will confine itself to the alloying elements and additives most frequently used and the reasons for their use.

## Alloying Elements

*Nickel*—Nickel is added to gray irons as a graphitizer. It does not form carbides. Nickel acts to reduce chill in the casting. It eliminates hard carbide spots, chilled areas and mottled areas. As a minor alloying element, nickel is used in quantities of 0.10 to 1.0%, over which range it helps refine the grain and size of graphite flakes. Nickel can supplement or replace silicon in a ratio of 2 parts of nickel for 1 of silicon. Where extremely high heat and corrosion resistance are wanted, up to 38% nickel is used.

*Chromium*—Small quantities of chromium added to the iron increase strength, hardness, depth of chill, and resistance to heat and wear. At the same time, however, chromium reduces machinability. Ordinarily, chromium is used in amounts of from 0.15 to 1.0%, although up to 35% is used for special heat and corrosion resistant irons. Chromium is used alone and in combination with nickel, copper, molybdenum and vanadium.

*Vanadium*—The element vanadium is a powerful carbide former in gray irons and acts to restrain graphitization. Usually vanadium is added to the gray iron in quantities of from 0.10 to 0.50%. The result of adding vanadium is to provide smaller flakes and a more uniform distribution of graphite. Likewise, irons containing vanadium have higher tensile strength, transverse strength and hardness, and resist decomposition at higher temperatures. In highly alloyed irons vanadium serves to improve machinability.

*Molybdenum*—In gray iron, the addition of molybdenum increases the depth of chill and tends to stabilize the carbides. While molybdenum helps improve properties generally, it is the most effective element to increase tensile strength and fatigue resistance. Molybdenum also aids machinability and helps in heat treating. Usually this element is added in quantities of from 0.25 to 1.25%.

*Copper*—Although copper is added to alloy irons in quantities of 0.25 to 2.5% normally, occasionally 3.75% is used. Copper has a slight graphitizing effect and is a mild strengthener. However, copper can either serve to harden or soften the cast iron, depending upon the base metal.

Alloy gray irons may be simple alloys with any one of the enumerated elements added. For more severe service they are usually more complex alloys. Some typical alloying combinations are: nickel-chromium - molybdenum, copper - chromium, nickel - chromium - vanadium, and nickel - molybdenum.

## Controlled Irons

Most large foundries have special controlled gray irons in which they specialize. Likewise, there are proprietary gray irons, such as Meehanite, which are produced under license by several foundries throughout the country.

In a majority of cases of gray irons falling in this category, superior qualities are provided in castings by extremely careful control over melting and pouring practice. Most also include a material added to the ladle which has a profound effect upon the casting's final properties.

The materials added change the physical and mechanical properties of the iron to an extent which cannot be explained on a basis of composition.

With many "controlled," "inoculated," "treated" or "processed" gray irons, an increase in tensile strength is not always accompanied by an increase in hardness. However, these irons usually respond to heat treatments for additional hardness.

Merely adding the additional composition is not enough to assure a better casting. Control all the way through the melting and pouring is equally important.

*Nodular Irons*—For years it has been recognized that if the graphite in gray irons could be made to assume a nodular form in the casting, tensile and ductility properties would be enhanced considerably. Commercial attainment of such irons is now upon us. Research in the United States and England has been developed along different lines, but results are comparable.

In both countries the nodular form of graphite is attained through ladle additions. The British use cerium, while in this country magnesium has been found to serve well. Which methods will produce the better iron remains to be seen, but the development will serve to extend even further the usefulness of gray iron and its alloys.

## Conclusion

It is doubtful if anyone could give even a reasonably complete list of uses of gray iron castings. They are used in the automotive industry, machine tool building, plumbing and sanitary ware, railroad equipment, electrical equipment, mining, petroleum industries, marine applications, as forming dies and rolls, power plant parts, and in almost any industry of consequence.

Gray iron castings are constantly being threatened by other materials and other fabricating methods, but despite this the number and tonnage of gray iron castings continues on the upgrade. In the past, this situation may have been true chiefly because of the cheapness and ease of castability of gray iron.

Future progress of gray iron castings will be on more firm ground, however, since past competition has spurred individual foundries and the gray iron foundry field as a whole to exercise closer control to attain better products. In addition, extensive research is going on constantly to learn why certain things are true about gray iron so that these things can be better controlled and perhaps improved.

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## Measurement of Close Tolerance Parts

Considerable difficulty is experienced when measuring close tolerance parts, due to expansion and contraction of parts with temperature. This File Fact outlines a method of correcting observed micrometer readings to obtain the actual dimensions of the part at standard temperature (68 F).

### Procedure

1. Three charts are included to provide corrections to be used when measuring parts made from different materials.
   Figure 1. Plain carbon and low alloy steels.
   Figure 2. Aluminum and aluminum alloys.
   Figure 3. Brass and bronze.
2. In order to apply these corrections, it is necessary to know the temperature of the part, the temperature of the micrometer, which is usually at room temperature, and the approximate dimension to be measured.
3. The temperature of the part is first located on the horizontal scale, the temperature of the micrometer is located on the vertical scale, and the point or intersection of these two temperatures is located.
4. The diagonal line closest to this point is the correction to be applied for each inch being measured.
5. This correction is multiplied by the number of inches being measured to obtain the total correction.
   a. If the correction is positive (+), the correct micrometer setting is obtained by adding the total correction to the required dimension.

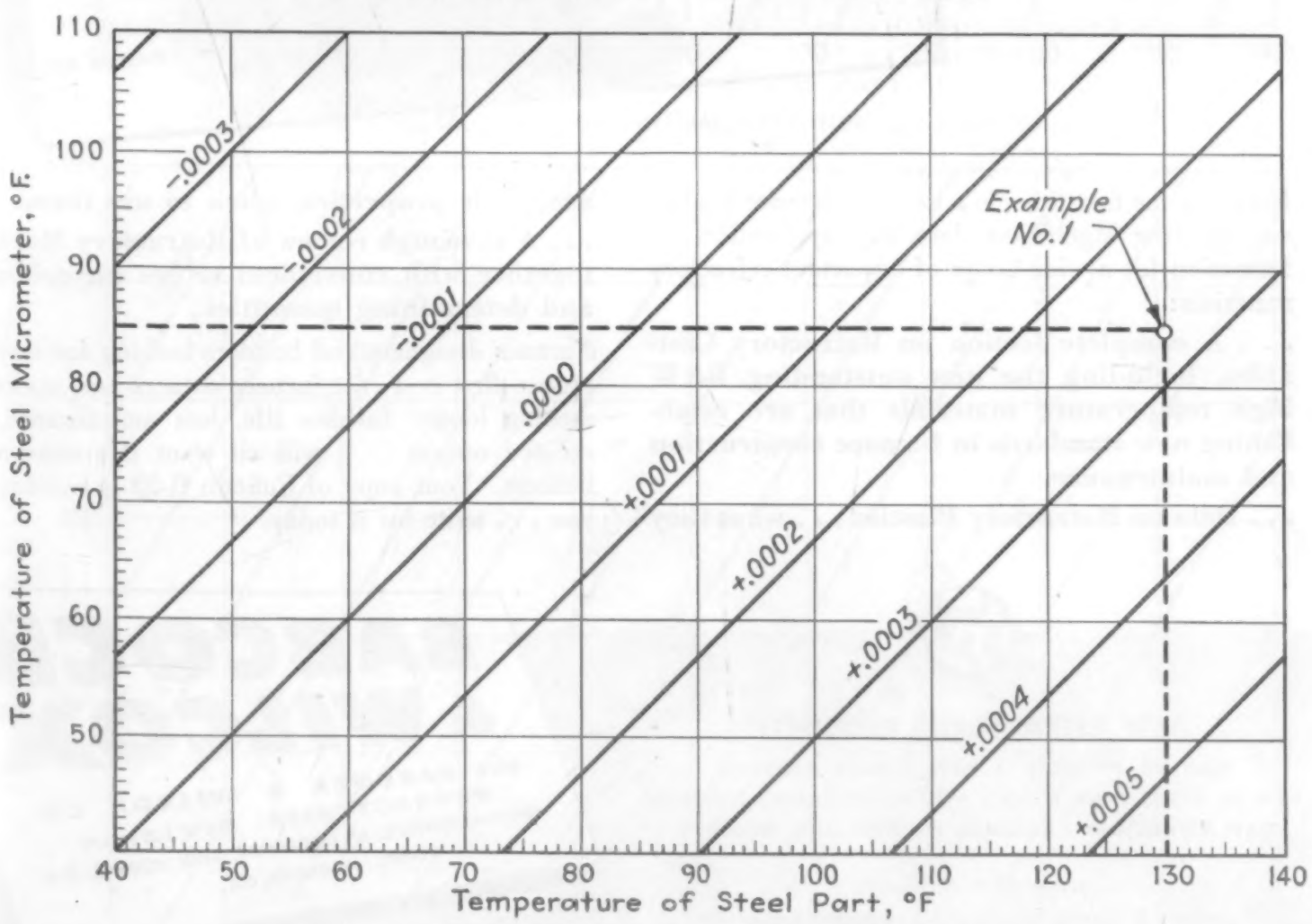
**Example I**

| | |
|---|---|
| Steel part at 130 F | |
| Micrometer, temperature 85 F | |
| Required dimension (basic) | 2.0000 |
| Correction per in. (from Fig. 1) +0.00027 (est.) | |
| Total correction: 0.00027 × 2.00 = | 0.00054 |
| Micrometer setting | 2.00054 |

**Example II**

| | |
|---|---|
| Aluminum part at 110 F | |
| Micrometer, temperature 70 F | |
| Required dimension | 2.6275 |
| Correction per in. (from Fig. 2) +0.00052 (estimated) | |
| Total correction: +0.00052 × 2.6 = | +.00136 |
| Set micrometer at | 2.6289 |

FIG. 1—CORRECTION FOR THERMAL EXPANSION OF STEEL

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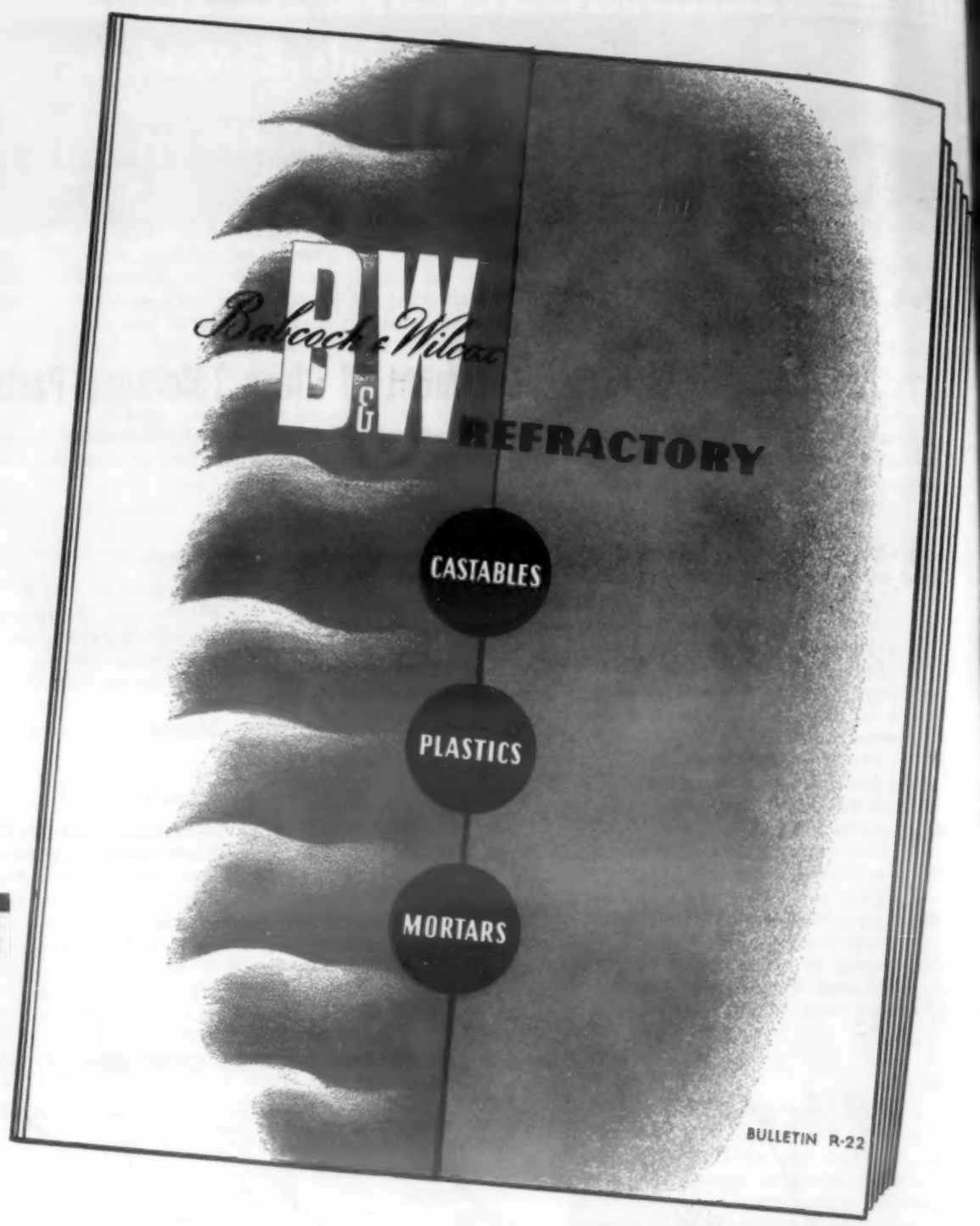


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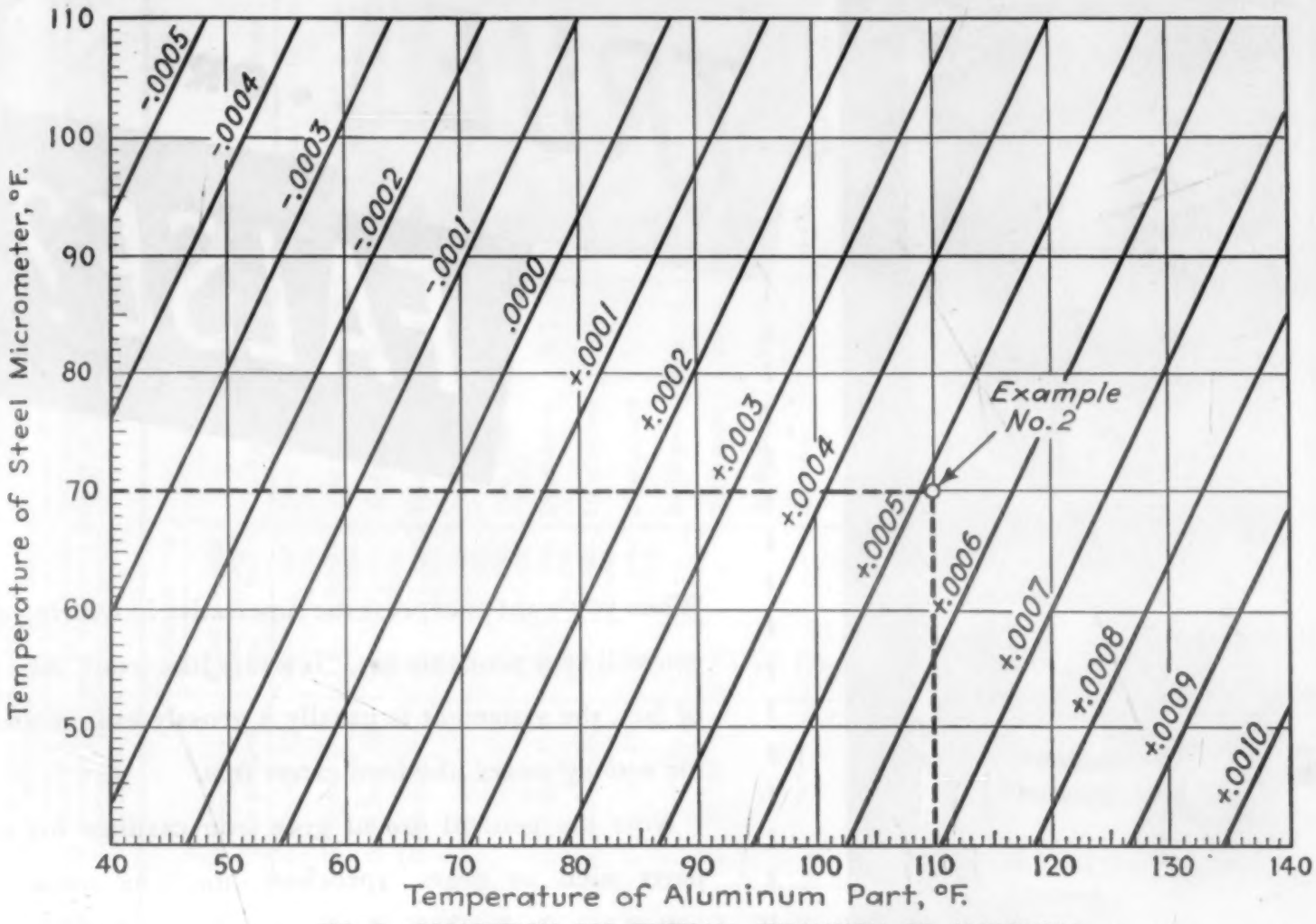


FIG. 2—CORRECTION FOR THERMAL EXPANSION OF ALUMINUM

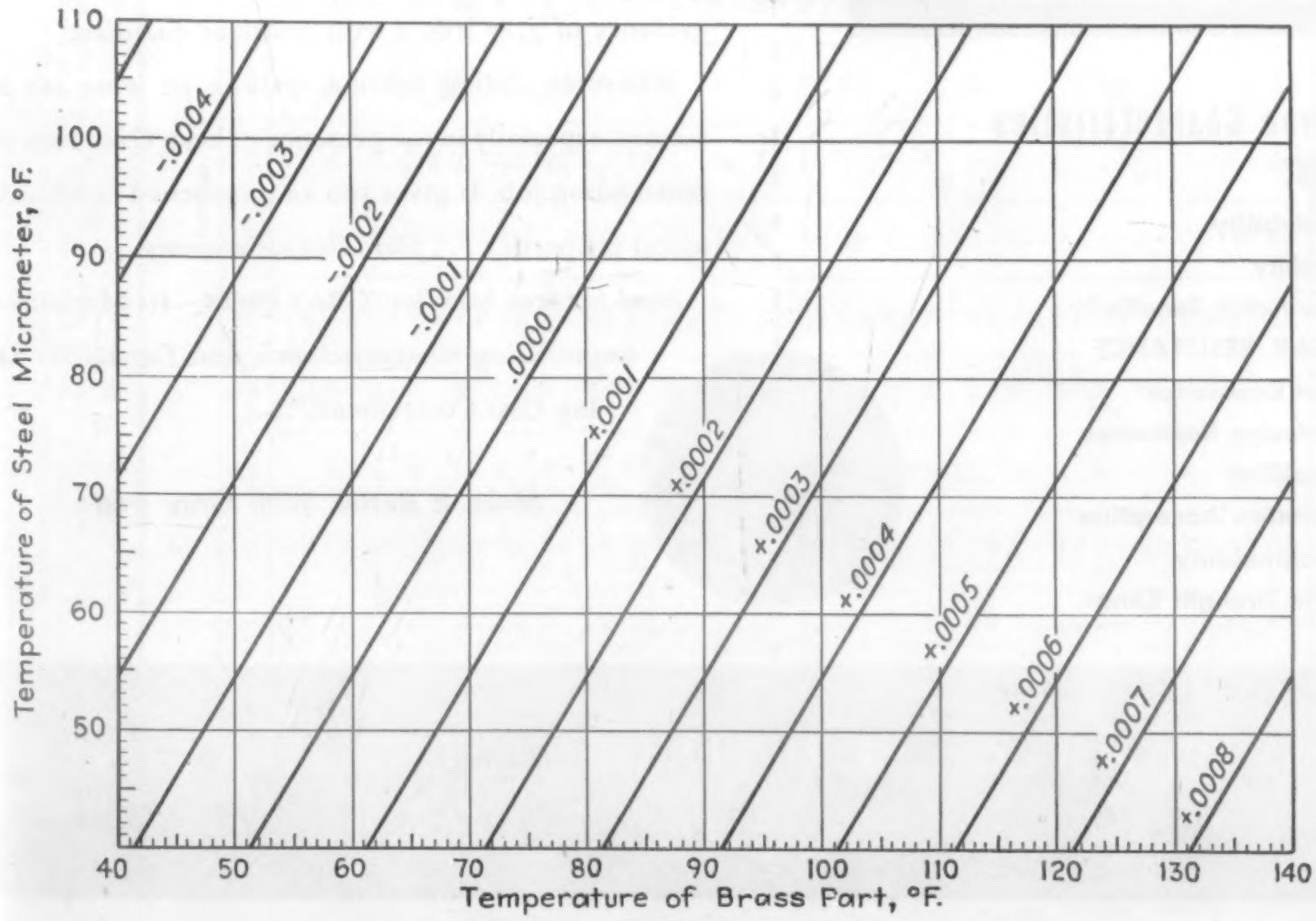


FIG. 3—CORRECTION FOR THERMAL EXPANSION OF BRASS

Gray Iron piston for 800-horse-power, engine-driven compressor.

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## Vanadium Alloyed Irons

An iron that can withstand the drastic temperature changes met in many modern types of equipment is in growing demand in industry. A technique of alloying such irons has been developed by Vanadium Corp. of America.

The types of iron and the alloying procedure that produces them are not new, having been used in severe service applications for a number of years. However, application to a wider variety of work has had to await a study of service experience with many castings subjected to rapid changes of temperature.

The objective is the production of an iron of adequate strength but with the lowest modulus of elasticity compatible with the strength level prescribed. Experimentally, it has been demonstrated that the high total carbon irons have relatively high deflection, which automatically tends to lower elastic modulus for a given strength value.

Strength is secured by proper adjustment of silicon to yield a pearlitic matrix, and this matrix is improved by the alloying elements, molybdenum and vanadium. Vanadium assists in the control of hardness by keeping the matrix lamellar in character. It also adds materially to the strength. It imparts a stability to the pearlite which prevents decomposition at temperature levels too severe for unalloyed irons.

| Item No. | Designation | Analysis | | | | | | | | | | Mechanical Prop. | | Uses | | | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | T.C. | Si | P (Max.) | S (Max.) | Mn | Ni | Cr | Mo | V | Other Elements | Brinell Hardness | Tensile Strength Psi. | Type | Metal Section Range In. | Weight Range Lb. | |
| 1 | Mo-V | 3.55-3.75 | 1.40-1.60 | .15 | .10 | .60-.80 | — | — | .40-.70 | .08-.12 | Graphidox[a] .1% | 201-241 | 35,000-40,000 | Diesel heads | ¼-¾ | 50-300 | Resistant to heat shock |
| 2 | Mo-V | 3.55-3.75 | 1.70-2.10 | .15 | .10 | .60-.80 | — | — | .30-.60 | .08-.12 | Graphidox[a] .1% | 179-217 | 30,000-35,000 | Glass molds | ⅜-1¾ | 30-150 | Resistant to heat shock if cast in modified chill |
| 3 | Mo-V | 3.55-3.75 | 1.25-1.50 | .15 | .10 | .60-.80 | — | — | .40-.70 | .10-.14 | Graphidox[a] .1% | 197-235 | 40,000-50,000 | Brake drums | ½-1¾ | 40-150 | Resistant to heat cracks |
| 4 | Ni-Cr-Mo-V | 3.50-3.70 | 1.25-1.50 | .15 | .10 | .60-.80 | 1.25-1.75 | .30-.40 | .30-.50 | .08-.12 | Graphidox[a] .1% | 207-248 | 40,000-50,000 | Brake drums | ½-1¾ | 40-150 | Resistant to heat cracks |
| 5 | Mo-V | 3.50-3.70 | 1.60-2.00 | .15 | .10 | .60-.80 | — | — | .30-.50 | .08-.12 | Graphidox[a] .1% | 197-235 | 35,000-45,000 | Clutch plates | ½-1¾ | 10-40 | Resistant to heat cracks |
| 6 | Cr-Mo-V | 3.40-3.60 | .75-1.25 | .20 | .12 | .60-.80 | — | .25-.40 | .40-.60 | .10-.14 | — | 197-235 | 35,000-40,000 | Dies (cold work) | 2 up | 4000-40,000 | Wear resistant |
| 7 | Cr-Mo-V | 3.45-3.65 | 1.30-1.70 | .15 | .10 | .60-.80 | — | .25-.40 | .40-.70 | .10-.14 | Graphidox[a] .1% | 197-248 | 35,000-40,000 | Diesel sleeves | ¾-2 | 70-300 | Wear resistant and induction hardenable |
| 8 | Ni-Mo-V | 3.40-3.60 | 1.35-1.60 | .15 | .10 | .60-.80 | .75-1.25 | — | .60-.80 | .10-.15 | Graphidox[a] .2% | 217-269 | 45,000-60,000 | Diesel pistons | ½-1½ | 30-150 | High strength; resistant to heat and wear |
| 9 | Ni-Cr-Mo-V | 3.15-3.35 | 1.60-1.90 | .15 | .10 | .60-.80 | .75-1.25 | .30-.50 | .60-.80 | .12-.18 | Graphidox[a] .2% | 235-269 | 50,000-65,000 | Diesel pistons | ½-1½ | 30-150 | High strength; wear resistant |
| 10 | V | 3.60-3.75 | 2.10-2.30 | .20 | .10 | .60-.80 | — | — | — | .12-.15 | — | 187-217 | — | Bottle molds | ½-1½ | 5-45 | Resistant to heat checks; good stability |
| 11 | V | 3.60-3.80 | 2.00-2.20 | .20 | .10 | .60-.80 | — | — | — | .10-.12 | Cu .75-1.00 | 196-227 | — | Bottle molds | ½-1½ | 5-45 | Resistant to heat checks; good stability |
| 12 | Mo-V | 3.60-3.80 | 1.90-2.10 | .20 | .10 | .60-.80 | — | — | .35-.50 | .08-.12 | — | 187-227 | — | Bottle molds | ½-1½ | 5-70 | Resistant to heat checks; good stability |
| 13 | Mo-V | 3.60-3.80 | 1.50-1.70 | .30 | .12 | .60-.80 | — | — | .30-.50 | .08-.12 | — | 179-207 | — | Grate bars | ½-2 | 10-150 | Resistant to heat checks; good stability |
| 14 | Mo-V | 3.35-3.55 | 1.60-1.90 | .20 | .10 | .60-.80 | — | — | .40-.60 | .10-.12 | — | 196-235 | 40,000[e] | Brake drums | ½-1½ | 50-200 | Strength with heat-shock resistance |
| 15 | V | 3.60-3.85 | 2.40-2.70 | .40-.60 | .12 | .60-.80 | — | — | — | .15-.25 | — | — | — | Piston rings (automobile) | ⅛-¾ | .05-.25 | Stability of tension |
| 16 | Cr-V | 3.45-3.65 | .80-1.10 | .25 | .10 | .50-.70 | — | .40 | — | 20 | — | — | — | Chilled rolls | — | — | — |
| 17 | Mo-V | 3.25-3.40 | 1.70-2.00 | .25 | .11 | .60-.80 | — | — | .30-.50 | .12-.15 | — | 196-235 | 40,000[d] | Machine tools | ½-2½ | 100-3000 | Wear resistance and hardness |
| 18 | V | 3.25-3.40 | 1.60-1.90 | .25 | .11 | .70-.90 | — | — | — | .12-.15 | Cu .75-1.00 | 187-217 | 38,000[e] | Machine tools | ½-2½ | 100-3000 | Minimum section sensitivity |
| 19 | Cr-V | 3.30-3.45 | 2.00-2.20 | .20 | .10 | .60-.80 | — | .30 as V-5[g] | — | .08-.10 | — | 187-217 | 35,000[f] | Elevator sheaves | ¾-3 | 15-300 | Exceptional soundness |
| 20 | Mo-V | 3.40-3.65 | 2.20-2.40 | .25 | .10 | .60-.80 | — | — | .30-.40 | .07-.10 | — | 211-248 | — | Exhaust manifolds | ⅛-½ | 5-25 | Resistant to heat shock and growth |
| 21 | Cr-V | 3.20-3.40 | 1.40-1.80 | .20 | .10 | .65-.80 | — | .30 as V-5[g] | — | .12-.15 | — | 207-241 | 40,000[d] | Pressure castings | ½-1½ | 40-1000 | Soundness and uniformity of structure |
| 22 | V | 3.35-3.55 | 1.40-1.65 | .25 | .12 | .50-.70 | — | — | — | .12-.15 | — | 187-207 | — | Aluminum melting pots | ¾-2½ | 150-600 | Resistant to heat shock |
| 23 | Mo-V | 3.35-3.55 | 1.00-1.60[b] | .12 | .12 | .60-.90 | — | — | .40-.60 | .08-.15 | — | 197-241 | — | Dies (cold work) | 1-6 | — | Suitable for flame hardening |
| 24 | Ni-Cr-Mo-V | 3.20-3.50 | 1.00-2.00[b] | .12 | .12 | .60-.90 | 1.25-1.75 | .40-.60 | .40-.60 | .08-.15 (optional) | — | 207-255 | — | Dies (cold work) | 3-12 | — | Suitable for flame hardening |

[a]—*Addition—0.1% equals 2 lb. per ton; .2% equals 4 lb. per ton*
[b]—*To be adjusted to give specific hardness on critical surfaces*
[c]—*Load, lb.—3000; defl., in.—.28*
[d]—*Load, lb.—3000; defl., in.—.30*
[e]—*Load, lb.—2900; defl., in.—.30*
[f]—*Load, lb.—2800; defl., in.—.28*
[g]—*V-5 Foundry Alloy*

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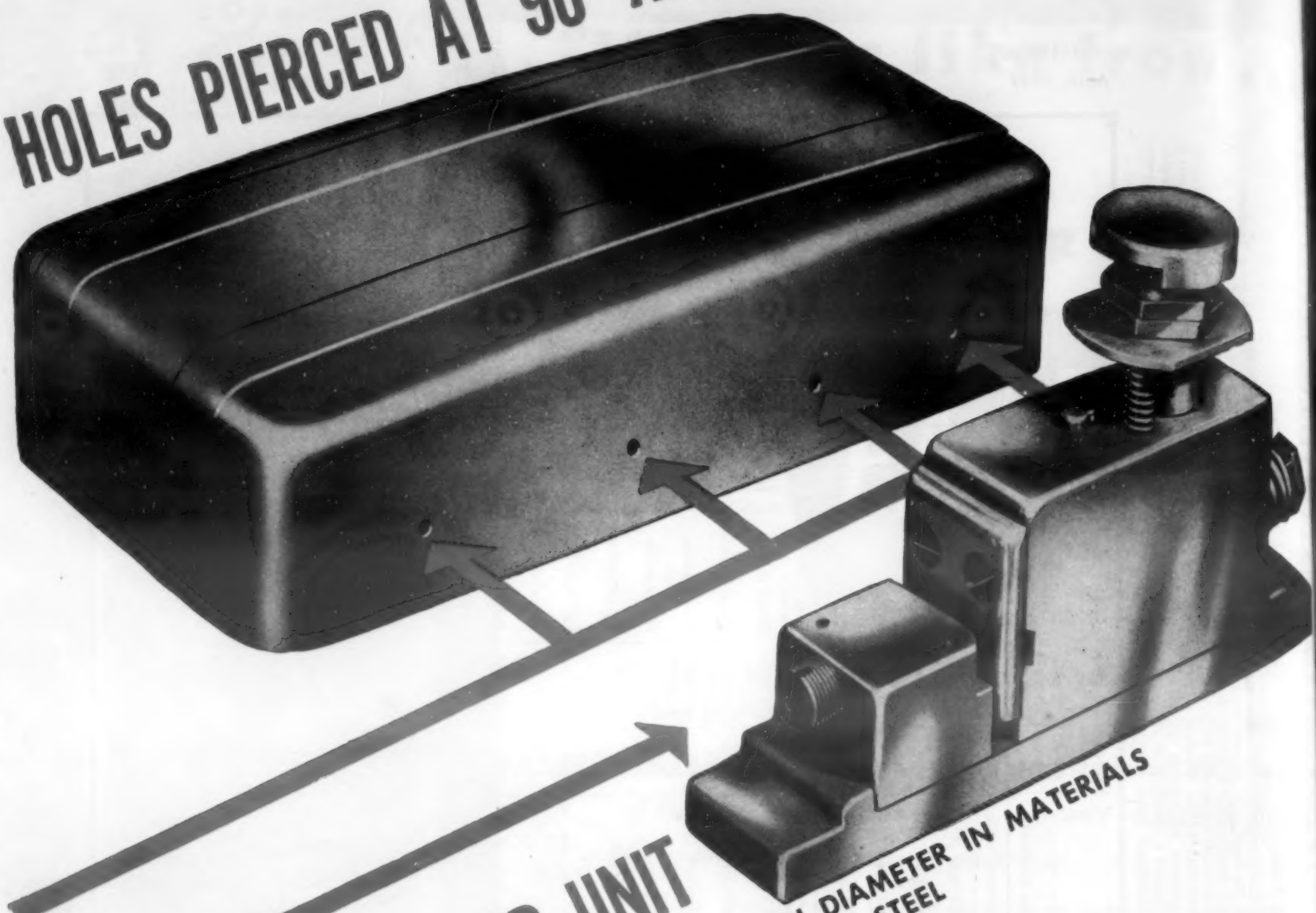

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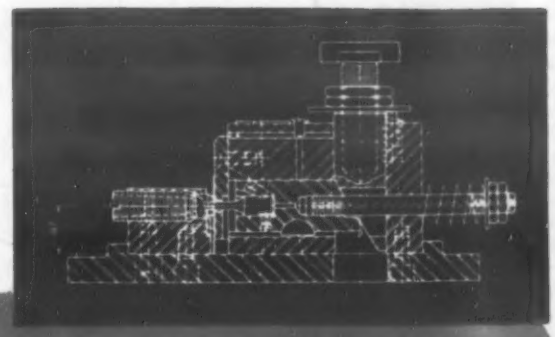

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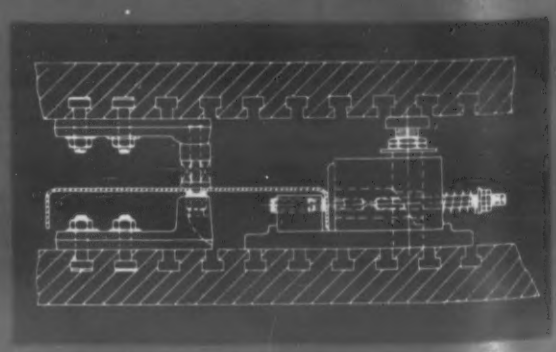

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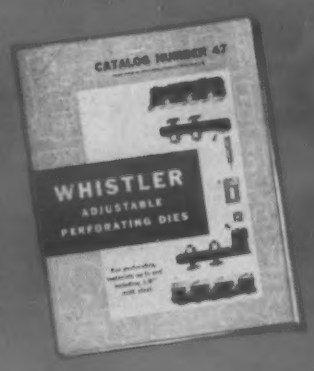


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## Nodular Cast Iron Now Being Produced in This Country

Nodular graphite cast irons, which show substantial improvement in strength, ductility and toughness over conventional irons, are now available to American industry. Original research, carried out by the British Cast Iron Research Association, has been reported during the past few years in England. And in the past several months, developments in this country have been published.

C. K. Donoho, in the *American Foundryman*, Feb. 1949, discusses the work done by the *American Cast Iron Pipe Co.*, involving the use of magnesium alloys as the agent for producing the nodular graphite structure. The British have used cerium additions to accomplish the same result. The advantages of magnesium treatment over cerium are that magnesium is effective in low carbon, high phosphorus, and relatively high sulfur irons. In addition, the cost of cerium is higher and magnesium treatment appears to be effective in a much wider range of iron compositions. The disadvantage of using magnesium is the difficulty and hazard of making the addition.

Information on the work done on nodular cast iron by the *International Nickel Co., Inc.*, involving the use of a nickel-magnesium alloy, has also been released recently. The material is characterized by a graphite structure in the form of spheroids, free from graphite in the flake form. For pearlitic grades of cupola-melted material containing 3.2 to 3.6% carbon and 1.8 to 2.8% silicon, the ductile iron provides, in the as-cast condition, a combination of 85 to 105,000 psi. tensile strength, with some ductility. Under stress it behaves elastically like cast steel rather than cast iron.

The potential applications for this new material are many. The automotive, agricultural implement and railroad industries could apply it, both as-cast and heat treated. Machinery in general could utilize its high strength and rigidity. Its ductility may provide thermal shock resistance far greater than has been available in high carbon castings. The high resistance to growth and oxidation gives promise of its use in many engine, furnace and other parts used at elevated temperatures. Other products include pipe, textile machinery, electrical machinery and marine equipment. However, much development work remains to be done on methods of production, alloying, heat treatments, and special properties of the material.

## Impact Extrusion Developments

Preliminary results of a study by R. Hanes on some of the factors involved in impact extrusion appeared in the Jan. 1949 issue of *Sheet Metal Industries* (British).

The determination of the metal flow is described in detail as it is important in the extrusion of complicated shapes. Some attention is also given to load measurement, as it is valuable in determining the suitability of a press, designing tools and determining the maximum slenderness of indirect punches. Under the conditions investigated, variations in the shape and surface finish of the tools and in the quantity of lubricant had no significant effect on the extrusion loads. There was no quantitative correlation between the impact loads and tensile strength.

The results indicated the magnitude of the loads involved. For example, with an aluminum alloy and a reduction of 85% in impact extrusion, the ratio between the impact and deep drawing loads was over 20 to 1, while the ratio increased to 80 to 1 for a reduction of 95%.

Commercially, the main advantage of impact extrusion lies in the production of a simple shape in a single operation instead of a number of operations, as in deep drawing. There is also a saving in the number of presses and tools, but impact extrusion presses must be much stronger than drawing presses. There are three types of impact extrusion: indirect, where the material moves up around the punch to form a solid-based tubular product; direct, where the metal flows in the same direction as the punch movement; and Hooker tubing for open ended tubular products, where the flange is separated from the tube in the extrusion die by a clipping punch.

The high reductions in impact extrusion are possible only because of the deformability of the metal. Aluminum and zinc are most widely used. Metals which work harden rapidly, such as austenitic stainless steel, cannot be impact extruded at room temperature. At the other extreme, lead and tin, which show negligible work hardening and do not lend themselves to deep drawing, can be impact extruded with ease.

With copper and heat-treatable aluminum alloys, the limit to the reduction is set not by their capacity for deformation but by the strength of the tool. Metals other than lead and tin work harden during extrusion so that the extrusions are rigid and hard.

● Five important requisites of material specifications are discussed in an informative article by L. S. Reid and W. R. Willets in the *ASTM Bulletin*, Jan. 1949. The requisites are: (1) accuracy and precision, (2) workability, (3) suitability, (4) flexibility, and (5) acceptability.

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## Advantages of Hot Extruded Steel Parts

The many advantages of hot extrusion methods were illustrated by C. L. Steven and G. Vannerholn in a paper presented before the *Society of Automotive Engineers*. The process is being used successfully on passenger car front wheel spindles as well as other parts.

Extrusion forging differs from conventional forging in that a punch and die are made in such a manner that the heated metal is confined so that it can only flow into the shape desired. Extruded forgings have very desirable fiber direction because the pressure of the press causes the correct volume of heated steel to flow or extrude into the die cavities.

In adopting the extrusion method for producing wheel spindles, a number of savings were realized. There was a saving of approximately 10 tons of steel per day that would otherwise be discarded as scrap in the form of flash. The upset and forge method required 46 men, compared to 16 men required for the extrusion method. In addition, there were savings in floor space and the amount of equipment required.

The properties of the spindles was also improved. There was an increase in strength for equal sections resulting from a near approach to ideal fiber flow conditions. And average fatigue life of the extruded spindle exceeded that of the forged part by 17.3%.

## Use of Cast Steel and Welding in Composite Parts

The benefits obtained by the use of welding to produce complicated parts have been gradually recognized. The problem of the use of castings in such parts is discussed by H. Gerbeaux in the Oct. 1948 issue of *Fonderie* (French), with numerous illustrations from American as well as French practice.

Welding has long been used for repairing defective castings, but its acceptance for the production of composite parts from simple castings is still questioned by some in France. The solution to this prejudice is believed to be: (1) the introduction of readily available, standard cast components, and (2) the guarantee by the foundries that the castings are weldable and of high quality. Production welding requires more consideration of weldability than does the

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repairing of castings by welding. In the latter case, more precautions can be taken to avoid cracking, while in the former case, the castings must be suitable for rapid and economic welding. If the welded part is not annealed after welding, even more care is needed.

Many of the difficulties involved in the casting of complex parts of steel disappear if the part is broken down into a number of simple components to be assembled by welding. Moreover, many types of inspection, such as X-ray, supersonic and magnetic methods, may be applied to simple castings much more readily than to complex ones. Sometimes, the final machining can be simplified by preliminary machining operations on the components before assembly.

In view of the proved advantages of assembled parts containing castings, foundries should adopt welding for other purposes than simple repairs, and welding shops should adopt castings for use in composite parts. In France, where most production is on a relatively modest scale, cast steel is often economically more advantageous than wrought steel. It will be necessary, however, to standardize and stock the essential cast components.

## Recent British Advances in Magnesium

In the future it may be no more difficult to process magnesium than aluminum, according to an article in *Light Metals* (British), Jan. 1949. The usual magnesium alloys have demonstrated their value for normal engineering conditions but are generally weak at elevated temperatures. Moreover, special fluxes and inhibitors are needed during melting and heat treatment to prevent oxidation.

The alloying elements that appear promising for better magnesium alloys are cerium, beryllium and zirconium. Small additions of cerium markedly increase the hardness at 570 F. The excessive oxidation losses of cerium are minimized by calcium. Beryllium, in amounts from 0.005 to 0.10%, enables magnesium alloys to be melted and cast without protective fluxes or atmospheres. Small zirconium additions reduce the grain size of pure magnesium or magnesium-zinc alloys and, therefore, give good mechanical properties.

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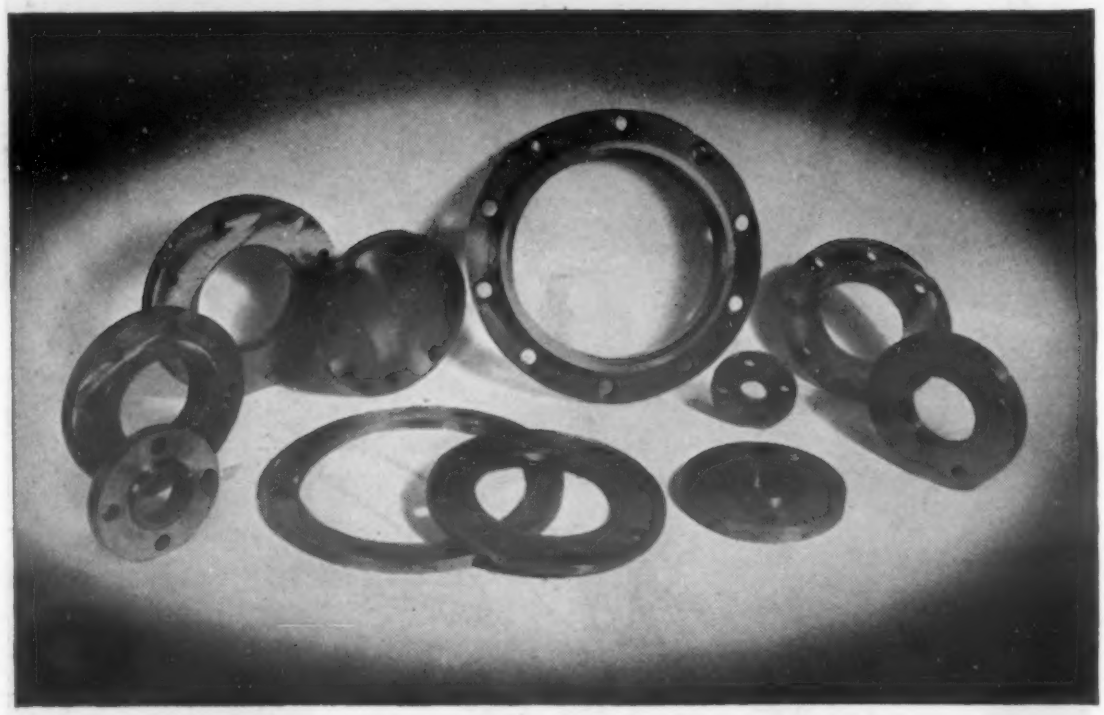

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use of a master zirconium salt. Great care has to be used to maintain the purity of the magnesium-zirconium alloys, as their properties are adversely affected by trace impurities. Their corrosion resistance is high and compares favorably with that of the super-purity alloys.

A recent patent (British Patent No. 603,150) on a magnesium alloy with cerium, beryllium and zirconium appears to represent a distinct advance. The loss during melting of cerium and zirconium, due to the reaction with the flux, is overcome by the beryllium, which eliminates the use of fluxes. The zirconium and beryllium are added in the form of a silver prealloy with about 2 silver, 0.75 zirconium and 0.5% beryllium. The silver does not affect the grain refinement conferred by the zirconium and is advantageous for alloys to be used at high temperatures. The cerium can be added as mischmetal or a magnesium-cerium alloy.

## Magnesium-Lithium-Base Alloys with Improved Properties

While the usefulness of commercial magnesium-base alloys has been amply demonstrated, even wider applications could result from improvements in cold rollability and cold-forming characteristics. In the *Journal of Metals*, Feb. 1949, J. H. Jackson, P. D. Frost, A. C. Loonam, L. W. Eastwood and C. H. Lorig report that by an addition of about 10.3% by weight or more of lithium such improvements along with production of less directionality in properties can be realized.

The melting of magnesium-lithium alloys is no more difficult than the melting of ordinary magnesium, provided certain precautions are followed. The alloys can be hot worked with ease of temperatures around 450 F. In cold rolling, total reductions of 50% are common for most compositions. While many of the magnesium-lithium-base alloys can be cold drawn, some difficulty is encountered when starting the cold-drawing operation because the alloys do not work harden well and tips formed on the ends of bars are not sufficiently strengthened to withstand the stresses necessary to start the bar through the die.

The alloys have good mechanical properties; hardness runs around 85 Brinell. Since yield strengths are approximately 40,000 to 45,000 psi., they compare favorably on a strength-weight basis with the strongest available commercial aluminum-base alloy, 75ST. The modulus of elasticity averages

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about 6,500,000 psi., is the same in tension and compression, and compares favorably with that for the commercial magnesium-base alloys.

The corrosion resistance of most magnesium-lithium-base alloys, especially those containing large quantities of zinc, silver, and/or cadmium is poor. However, the alloy containing 11% lithium had good corrosion resistance and can be used to clad and to protect anodically many of the higher strength alloys.

● The steel molds formerly used by the Garlock Packing Co. in the manufacturing of rubber composition packing wore out inordinately fast and resulted in excessively high production costs. *Morley Machine Corp.* and *Air Reduction Sales Co.*, working in conjunction, devised a special oxyacetylene flame hardening installation to combat this problem. Two revolving adjustable speed table setups were used to accommodate symmetrical and circular steel surfaces up to 24 and 64 in. in dia. On these, flame hardening torches were mounted for hardening the molds. The depth of flame hardening was controlled to about 1/16 in. on the lips and faces of each set of molds. This treatment resulted in increased mold wearability and improved packing quality.

## Rod Stock Produced from Light Metal Turnings

A unique method of using aluminum and magnesium turnings has been proposed by the Germans, and some preliminary experiments, reported by F. Sauerwald in *Archiv für Metallkunde* (German), are briefed in *Metal Industry* (British), Dec. 3, 1948.

"Sawdust" of an aluminum-9% magnesium alloy and a magnesium-9% aluminum alloy was pressed into briquettes, which were sintered in an argon atmosphere. Some of the sintered briquettes were subsequently extruded into rod. These extruded sections had about the same strength as extrusions made from cast metal.

Further tests were made with the same technique to explore the possibilities of preparing light alloys beyond the ranges of the usual commercial alloys. The formation of brittle intermetallic phases in aluminum-magnesium, magnesium-aluminum and aluminum-copper-magnesium al-

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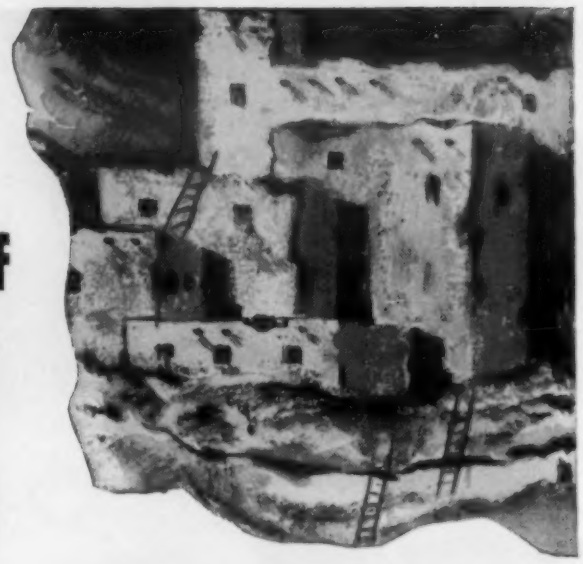

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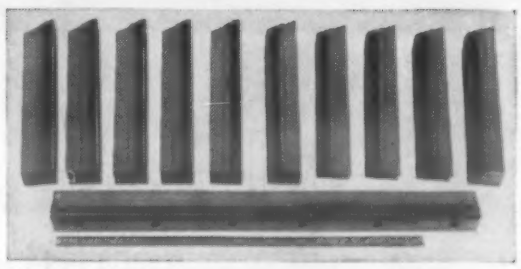

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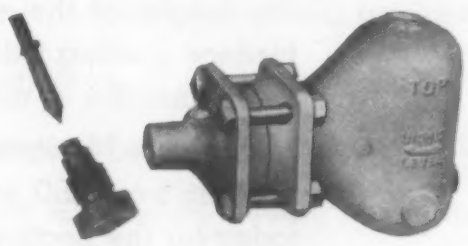

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# DIGEST

loys could be prevented to a large extent by limited heating. Nevertheless, the mechanical properties of the sintered briquettes and the sections extruded from them were disappointing.

Another idea which was investigated was the use of powder metallurgy to process magnesium crystals obtained by distillation. It was thought that it might be possible in this way to avoid contamination of the metal during melting. The corrosion resistance of the sintered and extruded magnesium was, in fact, superior to that of cast magnesium.

## Low Alloy Steels with Titanium for Heat Resistant Parts

The interest in titanium has not been confined to its prospects in titanium-base alloys but has also extended to its use as an alloying element in steel. G. Delbart, R. Potaszkin and A. Kohn investigated its effect in relatively low alloy steels with the hope of increasing the maximum temperature at which nonaustenitic steels can be used. The results are given in the Oct. 1948 issue of *Revue de Métallurgie* (French).

The four steels studied were:

| No. | %C | %Si | %Cr | %Ti | %Al | %Mo |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0.14 | 0.78 | 3.20 | 0.6 | 0.09 | — |
| 2 | 0.12 | 2.20 | 3.15 | 0.7 | 0.07 | — |
| 3 | 0.18 | 1.80 | 5.15 | 0.6 | 0.40 | — |
| 4 | 0.25 | 0.56 | 1.60 | 0.3 | 0.07 | 0.42 |

The short time creep strength (35-hr. tests at 1040 F) was markedly affected by the prior heat treatment, even when the room temperature properties were unchanged. The higher austenitizing temperatures produced higher creep strengths, while the optimum tempering temperature varied with the composition and the austenitizing temperature.

The choice of the best heat treatment, however, must also take into account the room temperature properties. The high silicon steels had low impact strengths at room temperature in all conditions. Steel No. 1 appeared to be susceptible to temper brittleness, as its impact strength was lowered by holding at 1020 to 1200 F, or slow cooling through this range. The hardness and impact strength of the chromium-molybdenum steel were very sensitive to prior treatment as air cooling produced considerable grain boundary ferrite.

The most interesting steel appeared to be the pearlitic chromium-silicon steel, No. 1. The ferritic chromium-silicon steel (No. 2)

had good creep strength and, in some cases, even a negative creep rate, probably caused by structural changes during the test. The semi-ferritic chromium-silicon steel (No. 3) and the pearlitic chromium-molybdenum steel (No. 4) had higher creep rates. It was pointed out, however, that the titanium content of the latter steel was very low and the titanium to carbon ratio was only 1.2.

## Alloy Steels for Powder Metallurgy

The progress that has been made in the production of sintered alloy steels in England is reviewed by H. W. Greenwood in the Jan. 1949 issue of *Iron and Steel* (British).

Some of the first work was done on stainless steels, where attempts were made to use pre-alloyed powder as well as mixed powders. Neither proved economically successful, for the former had poor pressing qualities while the latter required extreme sintering conditions to obtain adequate diffusion. Even with the lower alloyed 2330 steel, it was found that excessive sintering times were needed to give complete diffusion.

In Great Britain, the best results have been obtained with an alloy steel containing 2 to 8 nickel, 0.2 to 1.4 manganese, and 0.08 to 1% graphite. The sintered product with 10% porosity has a tensile strength of about 63,000 psi., with an elongation of 8%. This composition can be hardened by cyanide or pack carburizing to produce a file hard surface. Among the products being mass produced today in this material are rifle magazine catches, hub gears, pawls, chain bushes, ball bearing races and die shoes for tangential die heads. In the latter case, equal service life is obtained with a saving of around 60% in the original cost.

When proper care is taken to ensure homogeneity, sintered alloy steels have higher tensile strength than standard steels of the same composition. Homogeneity is the controlling factor in the production of any alloy that must have high physical properties. More attention should be paid to hot pressing, which is a great aid in the attainment of homogeneity. The presence of a small amount of a liquid phase during sintering is likewise of great importance.

It is not too much to hope that an extended use of hot pressing combined with a small percentage of a liquid phase may result in the production of a wide range of sintered alloy steels and a solution to the problem of alloys capable of withstanding high temperatures and stresses.

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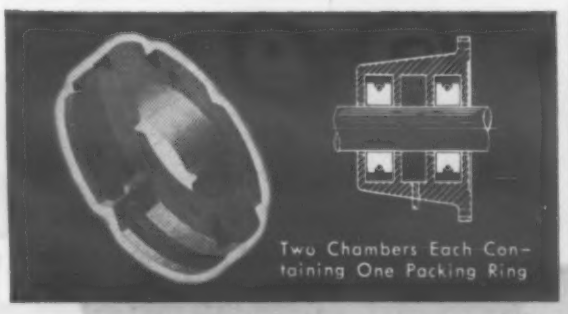


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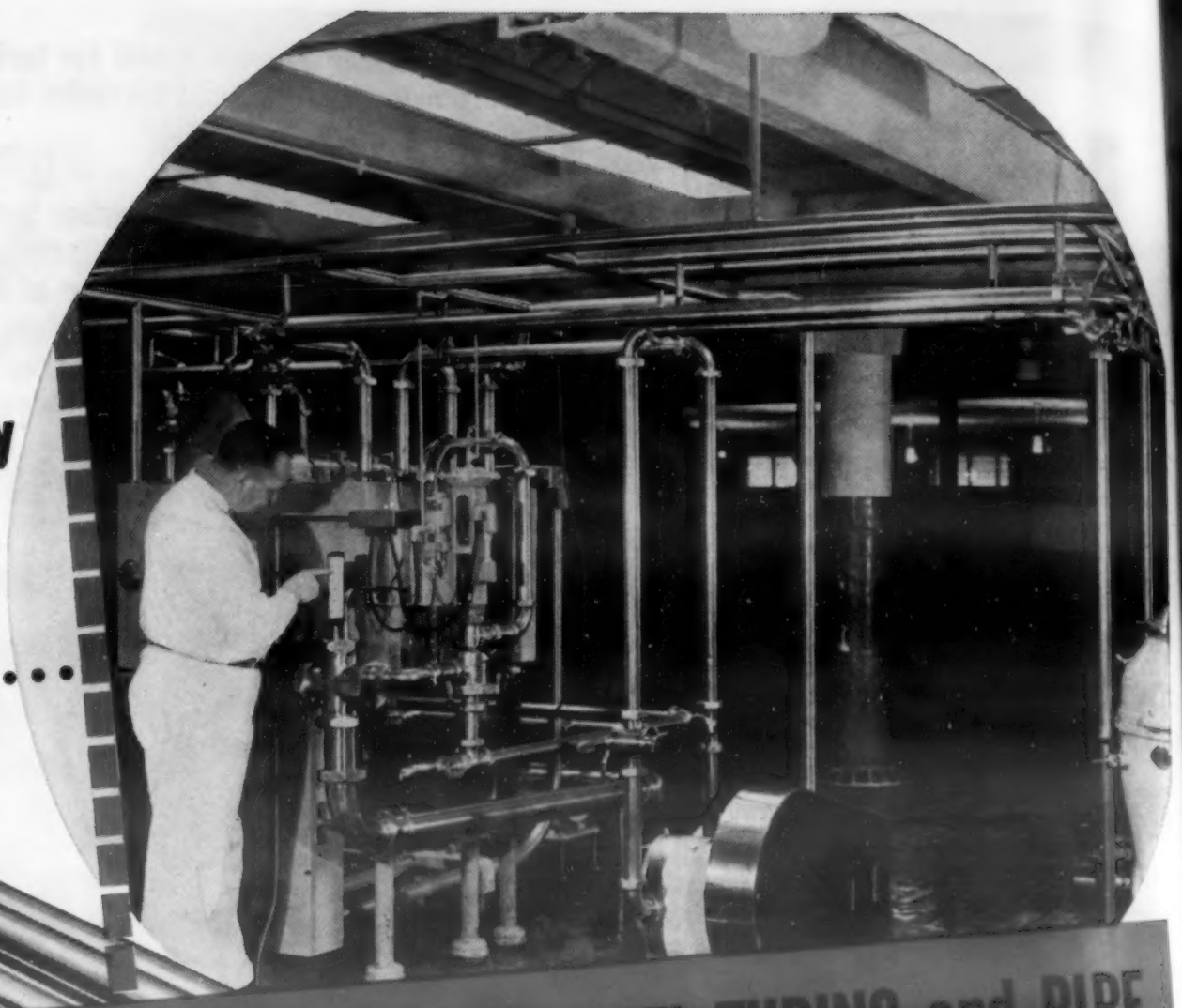

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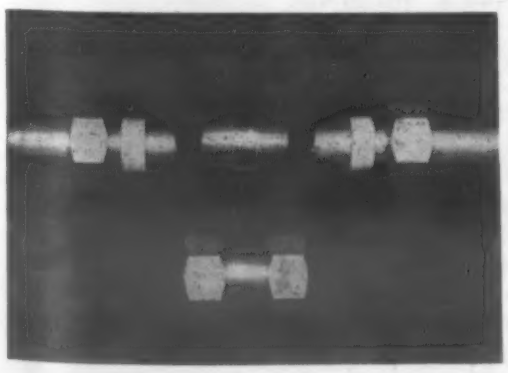
# New Materials and Equipment

## New Tube Fitting Eliminates Threads

A new type union that makes possible the use of light or heavy gage stainless tubing in place of pipe has been introduced by the *Steel Products Corp.*, 52 Vanderbilt Ave., New York 17. No threads on the tube ends are employed. The ends of the tubing are butted together through the union body; special grip nuts are then tightened to complete the joint.

The body of this union, called Sta-Union, is stainless steel. Gaskets of the standard stock are of a special plastic, resistant to heat up to 400 F; they also resist attack of acids, organic materials, strong alkalis, but not molten alkali metals. The standard grip nuts are of mild steel; stainless steel grip nuts are also available.

Advantages claimed for the union are that it is corrosion resistant, it insures a dependable tight joint, eliminates tube threads imparting added strength and facilitates installation. The unions are suitable for working pressures up to 150 psi. and are available for outside tube diameters from ¾ to 2¼ in.



*Parts of new tubing union shown here include a threaded body, two gaskets and two grip nuts.*

## Gallium Metal Now Available

Gallium, a rare, silvery-white metal of unique properties, is now being produced by the *Aluminum Co. of America,* 801 Gulf Building, Pittsburgh 19. This unusual metal has a melting point of 86 F, but it will not boil until heated to approximately 3700 F. Gallium shows a strong tendency to undercool, and the liquid metal may be held for some time at temperatures almost as low as the freezing point of water without solidification taking place.

Though similar to aluminum in its chemical behavior, gallium is not a light metal. Its density (5.9) is about twice that of aluminum, but only about half that of metallic mercury, which is also liquid at room temperatures. Like water, but unlike most elements, the density of gallium is greater as a liquid than as a solid; gallium actually expands on solidifying.

Gallium wets many types of non-metallic surfaces, such as glass and porcelain. As in the case of aluminum, a protective natural oxide film forms readily on the surface. Even when heated to temperatures as high as 1000 F, a globule of gallium will remain bright and shiny. This combination of properties should make possible a variety of unusual applications for gallium.

The low concentration of gallium in ores, and attendant difficulties of production, have been a hindrance to the development of uses for this rare metal. However, metallic gallium of high purity now is being produced from the oxide. As a result of these accomplishments, it is possible to offer metallic gallium in limited quantities.

● A new mold release material developed to meet difficulties frequently encountered in the plastics industry has been announced by the *Bee Chemical Co.*, 13799 South Ave "O", Chicago 33. Called Logolube, the new material is a liquid and does not interfere with painting of the molded parts. If desired, it can be removed from the plastic by wiping with a cloth wet with alcohol. It can be thinned for spraying on the mold or can be applied with a brush.

# New Materials and Equipment
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## Industrial Box Furnaces Feature Embedded Elements

A new series of industrial box furnaces is being offered by the *Cooley Electric Manufacturing Corp.*, 38 S. Shelby St., Indianapolis 7, Ind. The heating elements for these furnaces consist of resistors which are embedded in ceramic slabs. In the side walls they are so placed that an air space is left behind, above and below the slab which then forms a baffle wall, creating a natural convection when heated. This arrangement is said to not only equalize furnace temperatures but causes cool operation of the element and furnace wall, the effect being rapid heating, uniformity of chamber temperatures, and economy in operation. The quick removal of heat from both sides of the element greatly lengthens element life.

Another feature of the furnaces is the door that completely covers the operating end of the furnace. It insulates the front section equally with the other furnace walls. This type of door eliminates the need for heavy fire brick in the vestibule and in the door.

A full automatic control either mounted in a completely wired control panel including multi-breaker line switch and fuses or arranged so that the control and switch equipment can be mounted on a wall separate from the unit is supplied with the furnaces. Where the control apparatus is mounted in the control panel, it becomes an integral part of the furnace and forms a complete unit that requires only connecting into a 230-v. single or three-phase power line to put the furnace into operation. All standard types of pyrometers are available and can be specified to suit the user's desire or requirements.

Models BL-1, 2 and 3 industrial box furnaces are supplied in the following three sizes: chamber dimensions—12 in. wide by 8 in. high are common to all three models. Respective lengths are 18, 24 and 36 in., with power inputs of 11.5, 14 and 18 kw. They are built for maximum heating temperatures of 1850 F, and are offered for either single-phase or three-phase 230-v. operation.

*View of new electric box furnace with door closed.*

## Developments in Cleaning and Pickling Products

### Metal Conditioners

Two new phosphoric acid cleaners for metals have been announced by *Klem Chemicals, Inc.*, Dearborn, Mich. The products are known as Rust-Sol No. 123 for wash-off or immersion type of cleaning, and Rust-Sol No. 113 for wipe-off or hand application. Both cleaners feature good wetting and dispersion qualities. They emulsify all oil and grease, and penetrate the oil coating to the steel surface, where they dissolve rust and oxide with a reaction that leaves a protective iron phosphate coating. Welding flux, soldering acids and other corrosive salts are dissolved and neutralized by these two new cleaners.

Other features are: safe, non-hazard cleaning that can be used anywhere in the plant on any parts, no matter what the size; eliminates the necessity of explosive solvent cleaning as well as chlorinated degreasers; improves the paint bond and paint life.

Rust-Sol No. 123 can be used at dilutions of 3 to 4 parts of water. This same cleaner used at approximately ½ of 1% by volume makes a good rinse after alkali stripping to provide a positive base for painting. Rust-Sol No. 113 works with dilutions containing 2 to 3 parts of water. It is non-toxic, non-inflammable and non-corrosive.

### Synthetic Cleaner

A synergized synthetic cleaner developed by the *Quaker Chemical Products Corp.*, Conshohocken, Pa., is suitable for the removal of mineral oil type soils. This powder type product is used at concentrations of 2 to 3 oz. per gal. with water as a tank type cleaner in the temperature range of 180 F to boiling, and will prepare metal surfaces for bonderizing, electroplating, painting, and other critical operations with immersion times of less than 2 min. in the cleaning cycle.

The cleaner can be applied to the cleaning of steel, brass, die casting and aluminum. With the latter material, the fine

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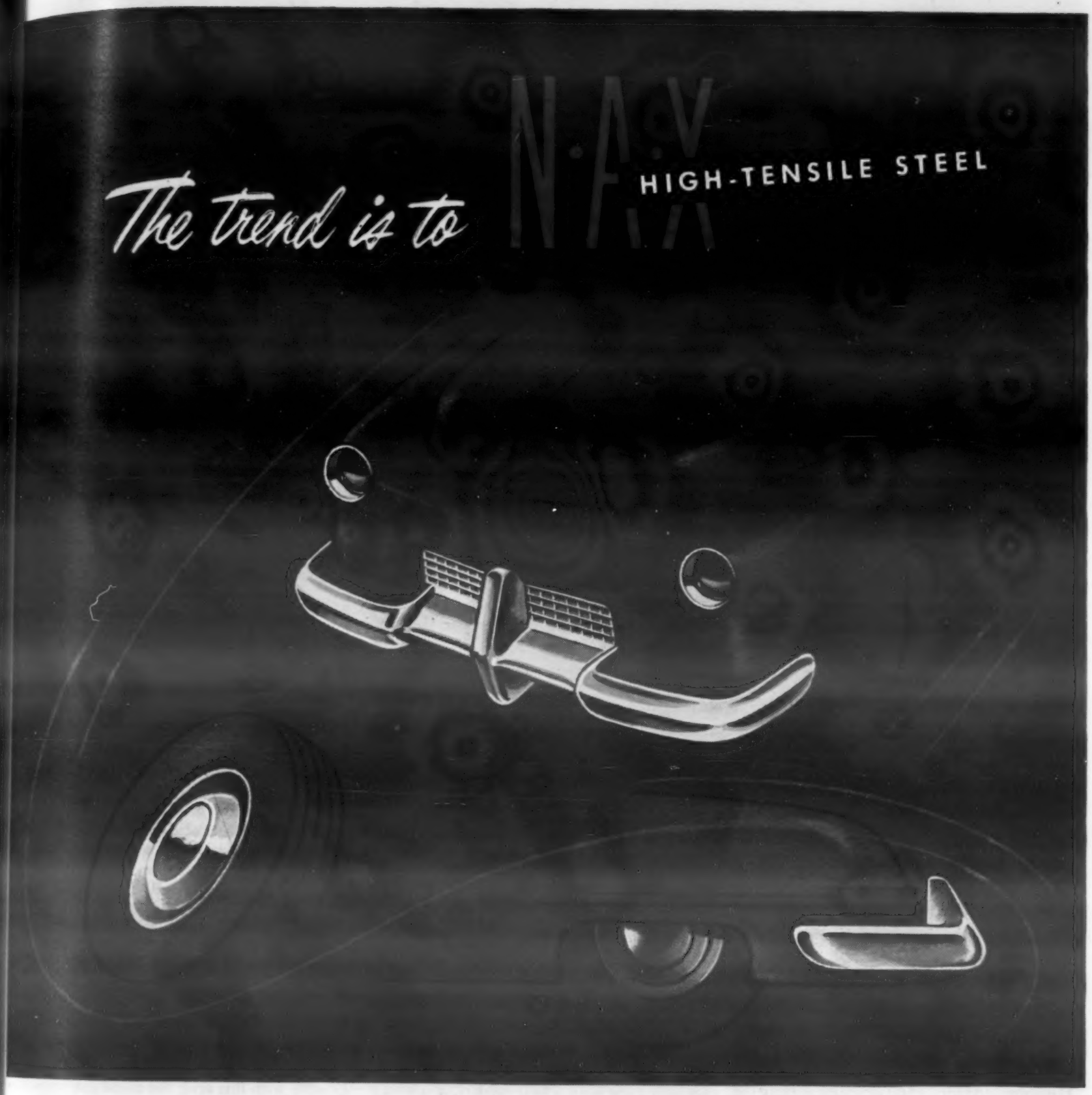

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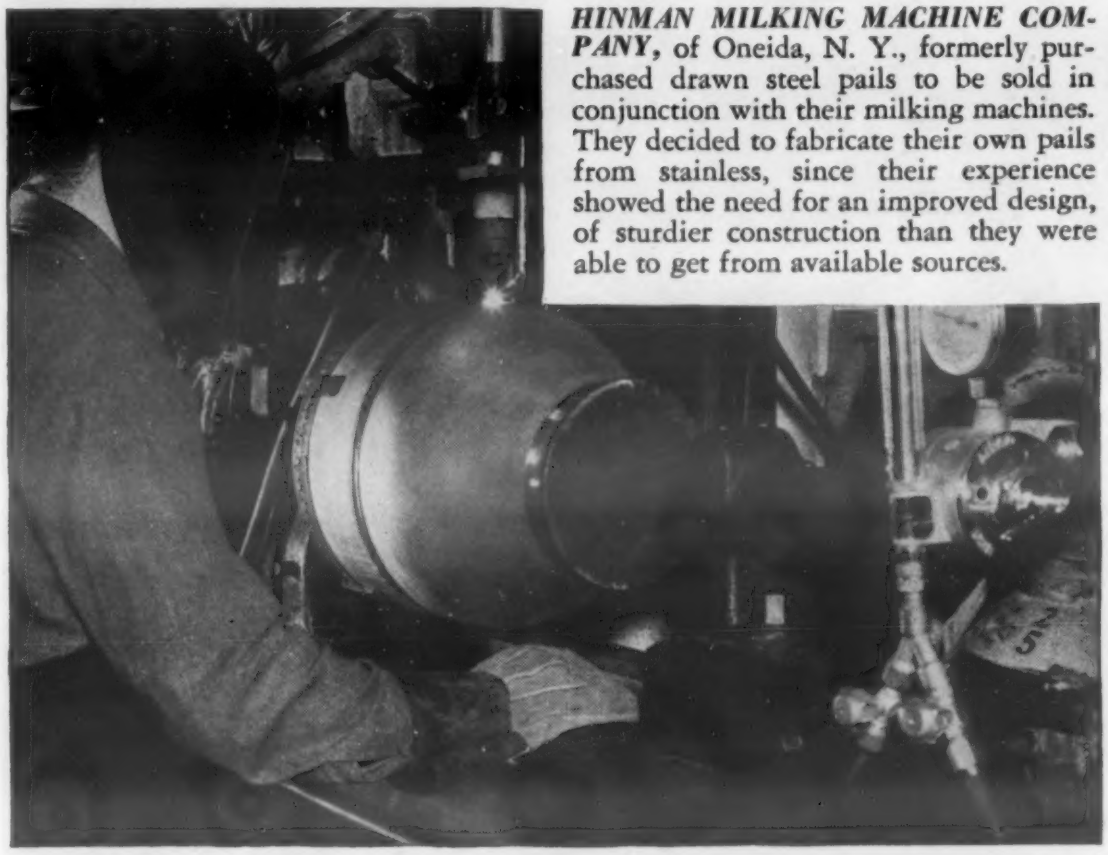

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### Pickling Acid

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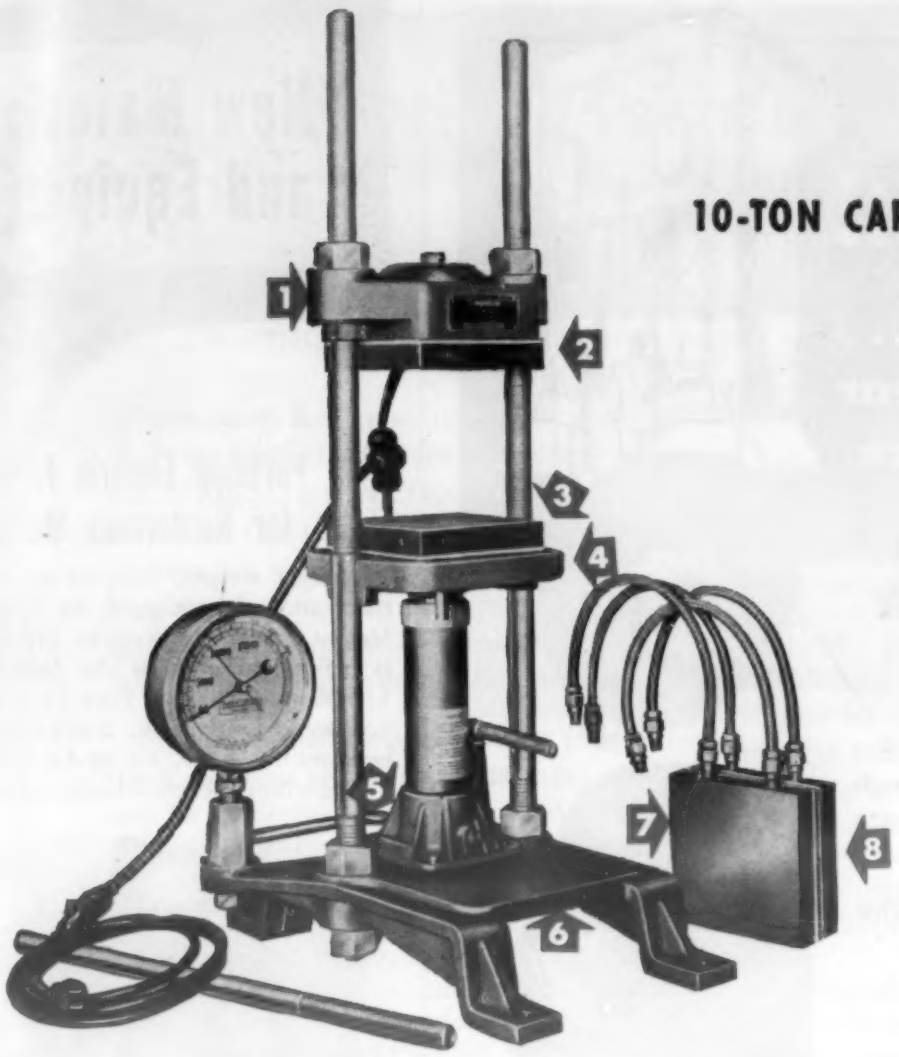


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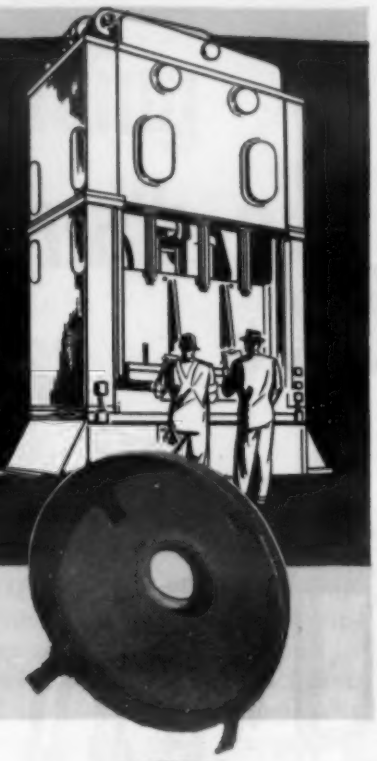

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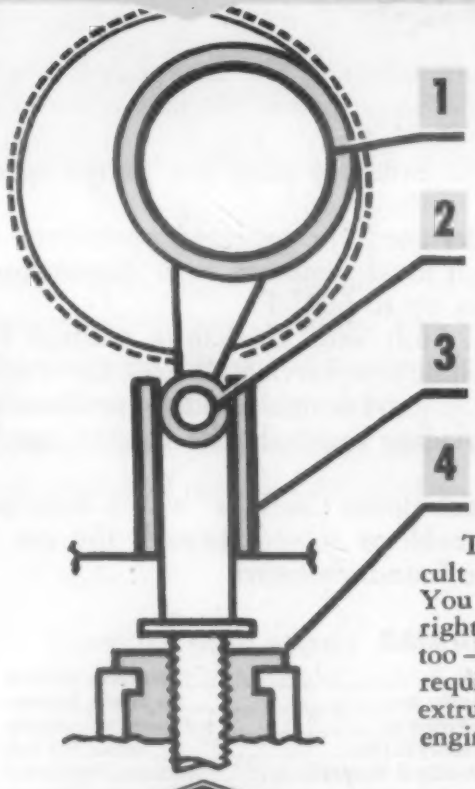


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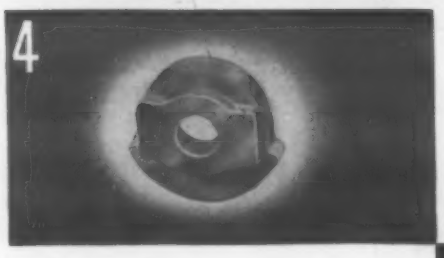
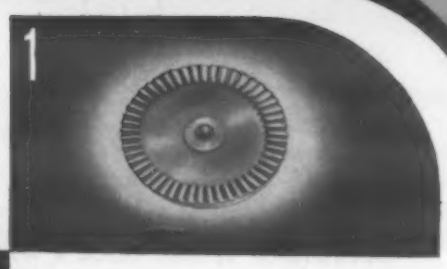
Illustrated are typical parts made of powder metal.




**1** This powder metal gear replaces machined forged part at a saving of 25%.




**4** This ball race was originally a 2-piece assembly . . . now made in one piece from powder metal at a saving of 80%.

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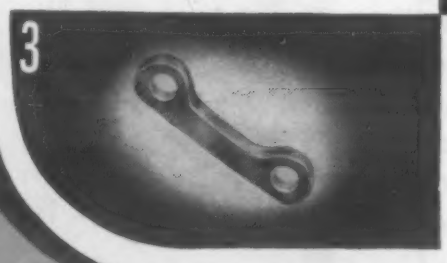
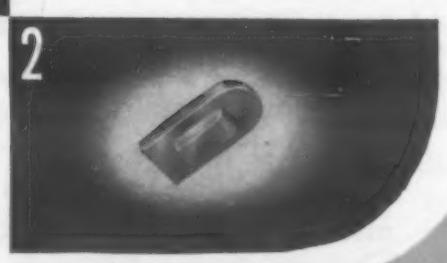
**2** This contact lug in powder metal replaces swaged and coined part from bar stock at saving of 60%.




**3** This link, formerly stamped and coined, is now produced from metal powder at a saving of 50%.

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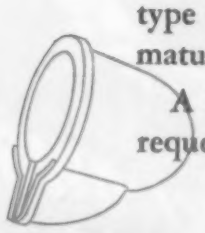

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ing and firing carburized tungsten to which cobalt is added as a "binder." Size and distribution of powders must be accurately controlled for a uniform end product which is, in fact, a solution of hard particles in cobalt, the cementing agent.

To make the tungsten carbide products, tungsten ore is successively processed into metal powders, sintered ingots and, finally, hot swaged rods and fine drawn wires. Some of the latter have diameters as fine as 0.0004 in.

## Silicone Rubber Now Bonded to Metals

Silicone rubber can now be bonded to a wide range of metals, according to the *Stalwart Rubber Co.*, 165 Northfield Rd., Bedford, Ohio. This new development is recommended for such applications as gaskets on industrial ovens and commercial deep-freeze units, diaphragms to seal lubricants in high-speed bearings, suspension parts on conveyors that pass through high temperature drying chambers or dip tanks containing heated solutions, rubber tires on materials handling carts used in drying ovens, weatherproof or explosionproof sockets for floodlights, and certain applications in internal combustion and jet engines where a gas seal is required.

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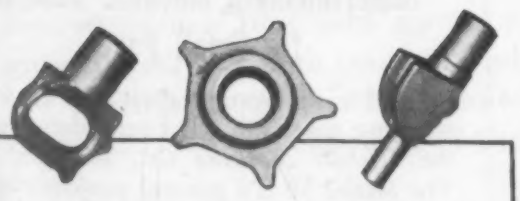
Die-sinking: finishing a blanking impression at the Bethlehem Drop Forge Department.



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**If, instead, you resharpen on a fixed-schedule basis, you again run the risk of loss. If the schedule is based on using a *normal* tool or wheel, one that is even slightly defective will produce rejects before resharpening. Unexpected changes in hardness of metal or in other operating conditions may also cause premature dulling, with the same result. If the resharpening schedule includes a factor of safety to allow for such possibilities, most of the time resharpening will be done more frequently than necessary, thus shortening total tool life and increasing your down-time.**

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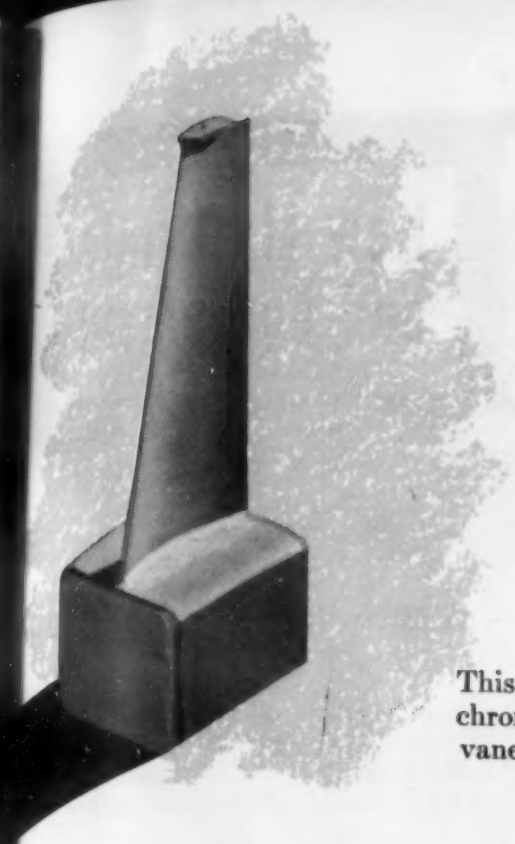
● A large size diameter electrode to handle heavy cast iron castings has been introduced by the *Eutectic Welding Alloys Corp.*, 40 Worth St., New York 13. This new rod, ¼ in. in size, is particularly adaptable for overlaying and repairing large turbines, pumps, impellers, mixers, cylinder heads, housings, and other heavy types of castings requiring a heavier, more substantial electrode. It is also available in sizes 3/16, 5/32, 1/8 and 3/32 in.

## Superfinishing Machine Designed for Small Parts

A new addition to their line of Superfinishing machines has been announced by the *Gisholt Machine Co.*, Madison, Wis. The Model 50 is a general purpose machine designed to handle medium to small cylindrical parts.

The machine has a capacity of 12 in. between centers, 8½-in. swing with a 3-in. maximum working dia. and a workpiece weight of 100 lb. It has variable spindle speeds from 40 to 1000 rpm., thus allowing the operator to select the proper speed for the degree of surface finish required. The quill is spring loaded and is adjustable from 0 to 45 lb. of pressure. The machine is equipped with an adjustable tailstock and a complete lubricant system.

Two standard machine attachments are available at this time, the motor-driven traverse attachment and the centerless roll drive attachment, which is for parts that have no centers. This machine is suited for small parts such as plug gages, hydraulic cylinders, pistons and shafts of all kinds.



# 3 WAYS RADIOGRAPHY CAN PROVIDE INSIDE INFORMATION

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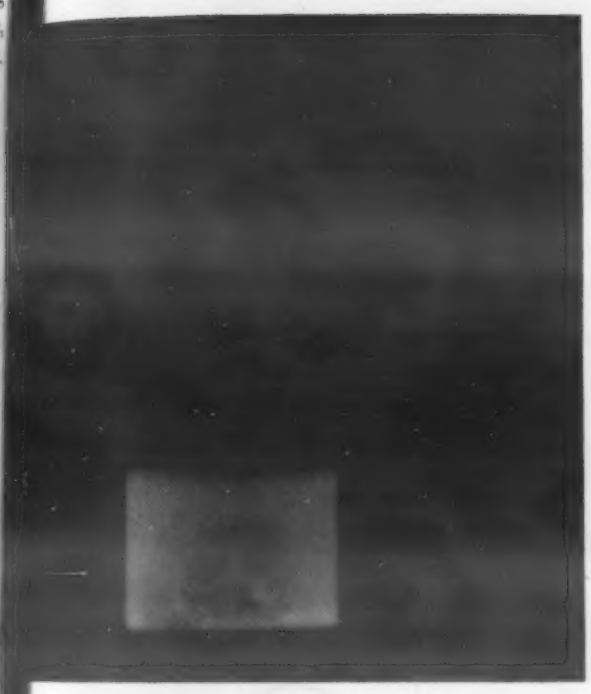
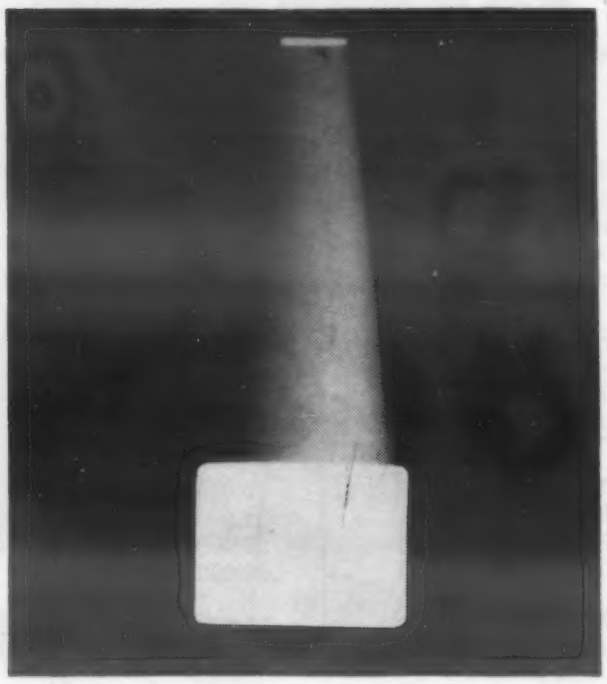
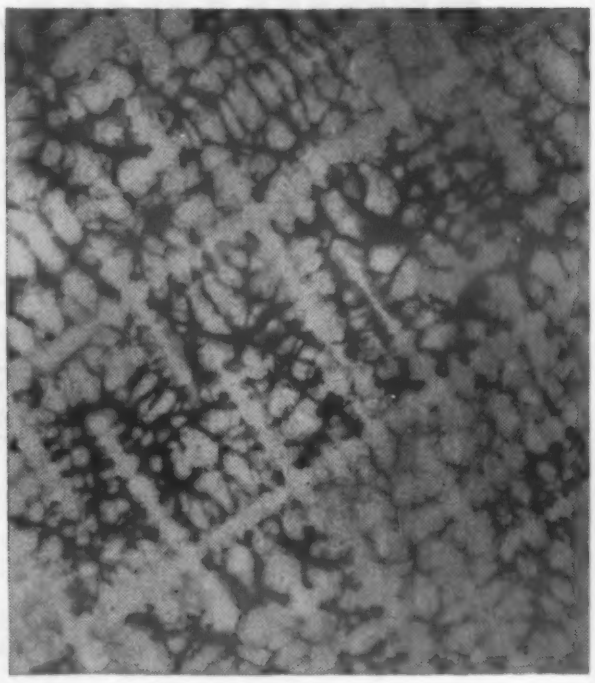


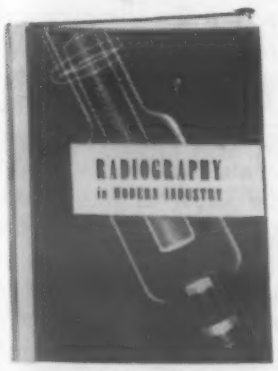
**With million-volt x-rays** on *Kodak Industrial X-ray Film, Type M*, the base of this dense casting shows fine structures that add up to a gross defect. The high contrast and low graininess of this film show clearly the size and character of the defect.



**At 250 kv,** another radiograph on *Kodak Industrial X-ray Film, Type M*, reveals a threadlike structure extending from a cavity near the end of the vane. Here, too, high contrast and low graininess are essential, and yet the film has adequate speed for reasonably short exposure.



**At 25 kv,** a microradiograph is made on a *Kodak Spectroscopic Plate, Type 548-O*, through a .005-inch section cut from the casting. At 35X enlargement, the extremely high resolution of this photographic material shows a rectangular array of crystal growth in which the lighter tone is interpreted as a molybdenum-rich phase. This is indicated by the relative opacity of molybdenum to x-rays, emphasized by the low kilovoltage.

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| Strip Tempers | Tensile Strength | Elongation | Elastic Limit | Rockwell Hardness |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Before Heat-Treatment | | | | |
| Annealed | 70,000 | 35 | 20,000 | B60 |
| 1 No. Hard | 80,000 | 10 | 35,000 | B75 |
| 2 No. Hard | 90,000 | 5 | 50,000 | B90 |
| 4 No. Hard | 100,000 | 2 | 60,000 | B95 |
| After Heat-Treatment | | | | |
| Annealed | 170,000 | 6 | 80,000 | C37 |
| 1 No. Hard | 180,000 | 4 | 90,000 | C39 |
| 2 No. Hard | 190,000 | 2 | 100,000 | C41 |
| 4 No. Hard | 200,000 | 1 | 110,000 | C43 |

**CORROSION RESISTANCE.** Having the inherent corrosion resistance of copper, BERYLCO 25S is dependable in marine and industrial atmospheres without the addition of protective coatings which may abrade or crack in use. Beryllium-copper also is unaffected by "season cracking" and hydrogen embrittlement.

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| Strip—in reverse bending | 40,000—50,000 psi |
| Rod—rotating beam<br>Wire—rotating arc<br>compression spring | 45,000—60,000 |

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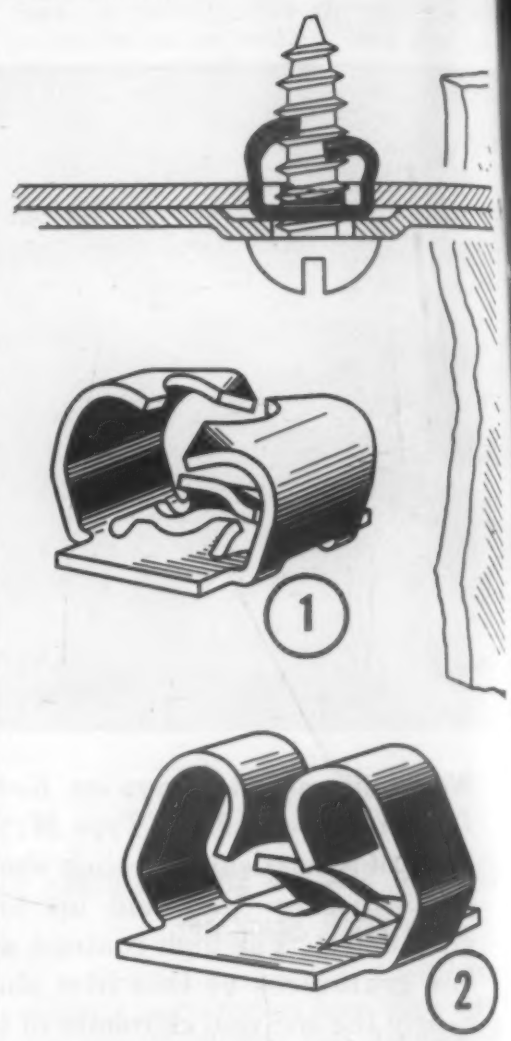
## Assembly from One Side Possible with New Fastener

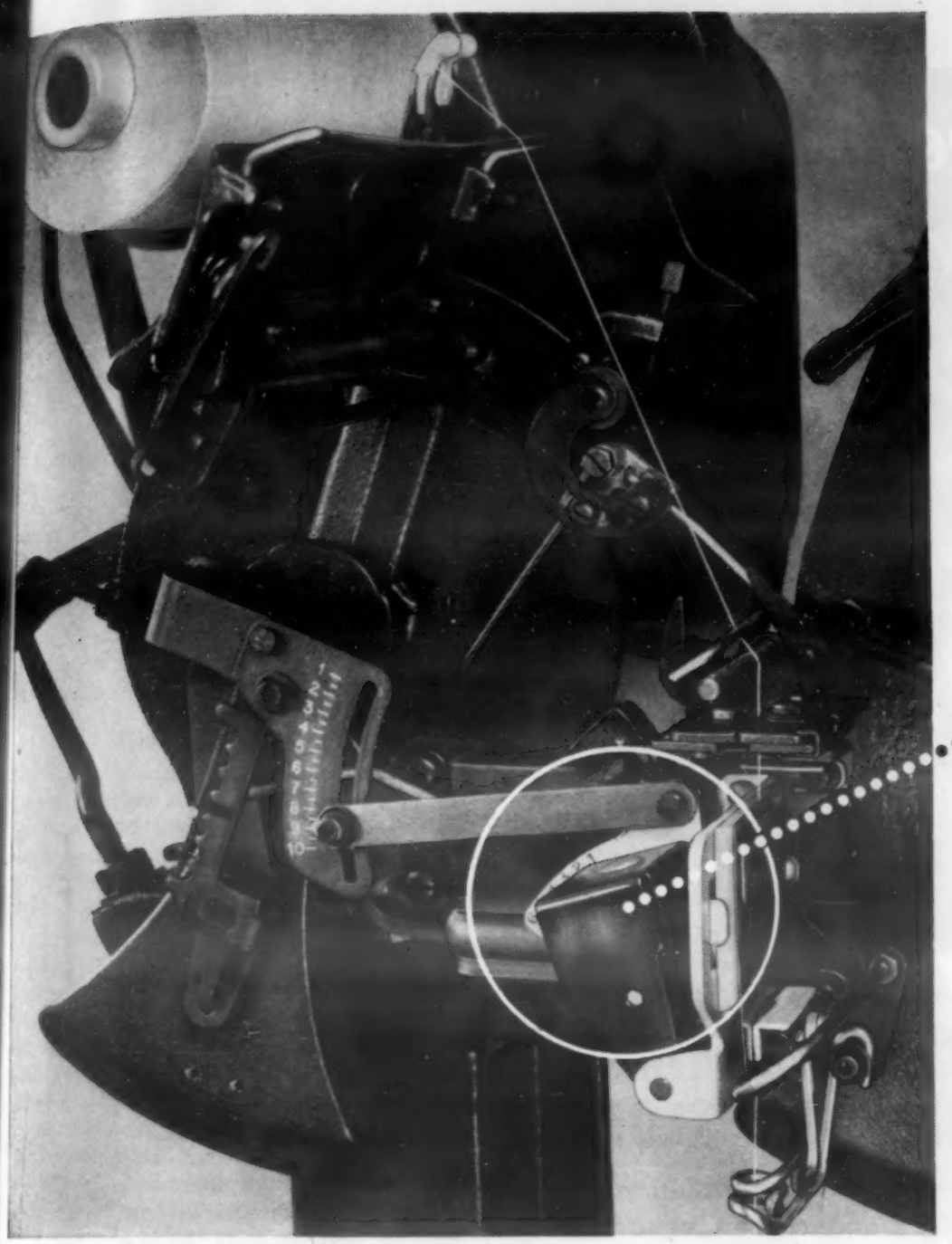
Blind assembly of parts to metal panels can now be accomplished quickly and efficiently with new expansion nuts, according to *Tinnerman Products, Inc.*, 2035 Fulton Rd., Cleveland.




*These Tinnerman expansion nuts are useful for blind assembly work.*

These nuts permit the complete assembly to be made from one side and eliminate the necessity of two operators working on opposite sides of large panels. The nuts are inserted into square or round holes and the part to be attached is then placed in position and the screw driven. The special locking principle is embodied in the base for a secure vibration-proof fastening.

These expansion nuts are self-retaining and expand when a tapping screw is inserted. They are produced in two different basic designs: (1) having spring arms that are formed to grip at the root of the screw thread; (2) having spring arms turned under to "ride" on the crest of the screw threads.



The "Magnetension," a new yarn-winding tension control developed by Universal Winding Company, Providence, R. I., uses this *Indiana* permanent magnet.

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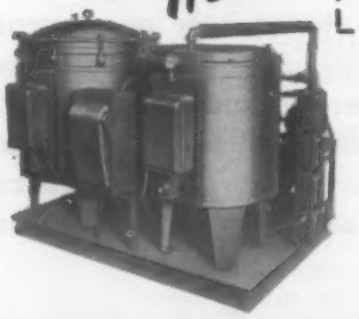

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## New Finishes and Coatings

### Synthetic for Metals and Plastics

Development of a synthetic finish which has good adhesion on highly polished brass, stainless steel, aluminum and other surfaces that ordinarily resist adhesion of organic coatings has been announced by the *Metric Lacquer Manufacturing Co.*, 62 Woolsey St., Irvington, N. J. Tests conducted by the producers on polished brass show that this coating withstands a 28-in. Gardner impact test, and a 180-deg. bend over a ⅛-in. mandrel, without cracking or flaking. Similar results have been demonstrated on stainless steel and aluminum test panels.

On most thin gage metals baking is accomplished at 275 F for 15 min. For brass and for thick gages of other metals somewhat longer baking at slightly higher temperatures is recommended. Although designed primarily for metal surfaces, this synthetic is applicable to phenolic plastics. However, when applied to phenolics, due to lower heat conductivity, baking is accomplished at 300 F for approximately 45 min.

The new synthetic is said to have a hard, smooth and uniform surface with high resistance to chemicals, solvents and abrasion. It is produced in all colors, prepared specifically for spray application. Variations which will permit dipping and roller coating methods are also available.

### Tumbling Lacquer

The *Metric Lacquer Manufacturing Co.* has also announced the development of a "tumbling" lacquer designed specifically for metal parts which can be economically coated in tumbling equipment. The new lacquer is said to materially reduce the number of coats required for complete coverage, and can be applied uniformly without the difficulties commonly experienced in barrel work. Available in a variety of colors, this new lacquer offers ease of application, high coverage with fewer costs, high resistance to "sticking," and good adhesion.

### Aluminum Finish

*Special Chemicals Corp.*, 30 Irving Place, New York, has announced a new coating, called Spekaluminite, for dipping or spraying. The coating is said to adhere well to all metals and plastics and will not peel or flake. It is said to air dry in 5 min. One spray coat is reported to withstand salt spray on cold rolled steel over 200 hr.

The finish has the luster and sheen of bright cadmium. It has a temperature resistance of over 700 F, and laboratory tests have shown no appreciable change in color,

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flexibility or durability at a temperature of 1000 F.

### Metal Brightener

A brightener for copper, brass and bronze has been developed by *Kelite Products, Inc.*, Box 2917, Terminal Annex, Los Angeles 54, Calif. The new product, Metal Brite, is said to be fast acting, and to have a long life. It is highly concentrated, and is economical because when used, one part is diluted with two parts of water. The compound gives natural colors to copper, brass and bronze, and gives a fine degree of polishing. The brightening operation takes 15 to 30 sec.

### Rust Resisting Paint

A rust inhibitor paint providing good corrosion resistance and adhesion is being marketed by the *Al-Tex Products Co.*, Sales Div., 1900 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. This product, named End-O-Rust, prevents oxygen, acids, salts, and other elements from contacting the metal and setting up a galvanic action or incipient deterioration.

It has a low acid value and a low oxidation rate. It is especially suited for its ability to withstand extreme conditions of expansion or contraction and corrosive elements.

The finish is formulated in Type No. 1 for inside use and Type No. 2 for outside use, and can be applied by brush, spray or dip methods. When used as a primer the life of the second coat will be practically doubled, it is claimed. Coverage is approximately 600 sq. ft. per gal., depending on the smoothness of the surface, and comes in a variety of colors, including white and clear.

### Corrosion Resistant Plastic Coating

A line of corrosion resistant plastic coatings developed especially for the finishing industry for the protection of machinery, processing equipment and general factory maintenance where corrosives are used has been developed by the *Poly-Cyclo Products Co.*, 12400 Crossburn Ave., Cleveland.

The coating, termed CycLon, series NPC, is an easily applied, high solids synthetic paint for protecting metals, wood and ceramic surfaces. It air dries by solvent evaporation to an adhesive, hard wearing, flexible glossy coating without the necessity of priming the surface being coated. A coverage of 350 to 450 sq. ft. of area per gal. per coat is obtained when applied by brushing directly from the container.

The finish is said to be unaffected by all alkalies as well as by their salts and by most mineral acids. In addition, they are inert to alcohols, soaps, water, oxidants, food and

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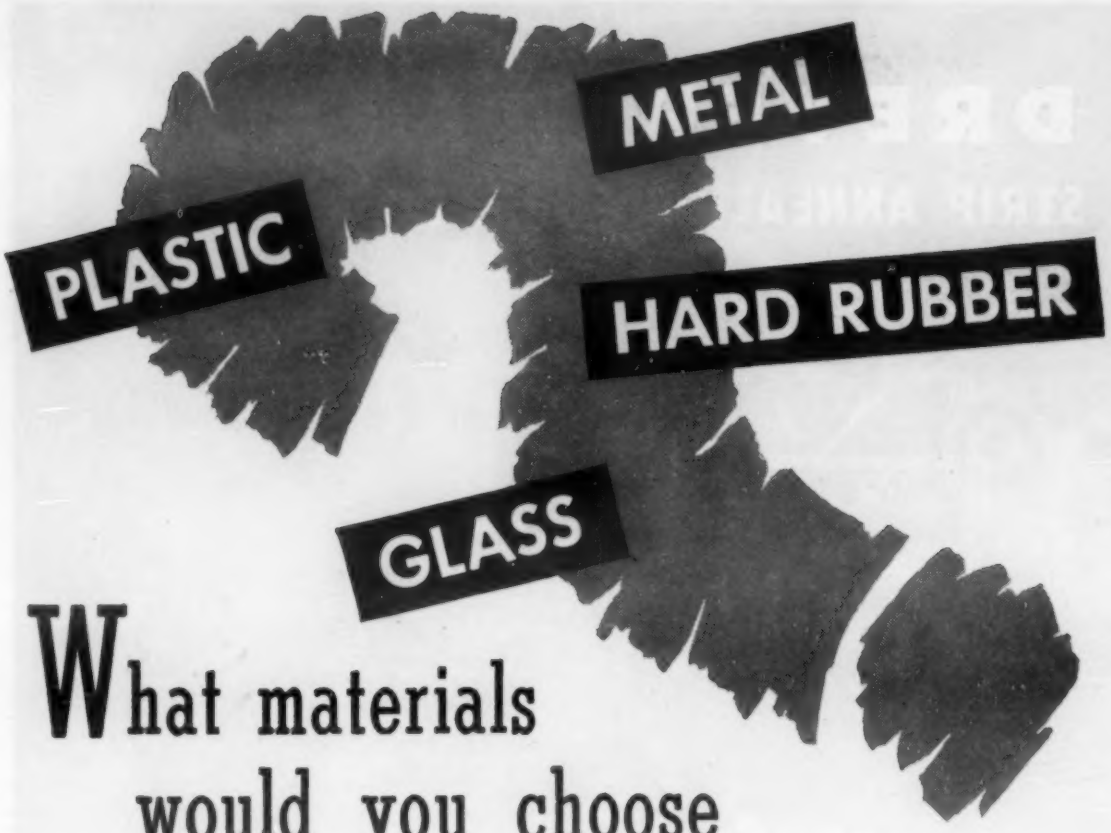
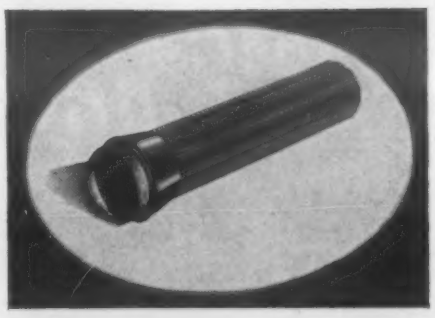



# What materials would you choose for these parts?

**1** INDUSTRIAL FLASHLIGHT CASE: Must be tough, good-grip, non-corrosive, oil-resistant surface. Should be electrically insulated. Plated, painted, imitation leather surfaces had been tried, but they corroded, chipped, or peeled. What material would *you* use?



**2** Tapered gasket ring, exposed to acids, alkalies and essential oils, must impart no taste or odor to solutions. Must be free from "cold flow" for tight seal through a temperature range from 0° to 100° F. What material would *you* pick?

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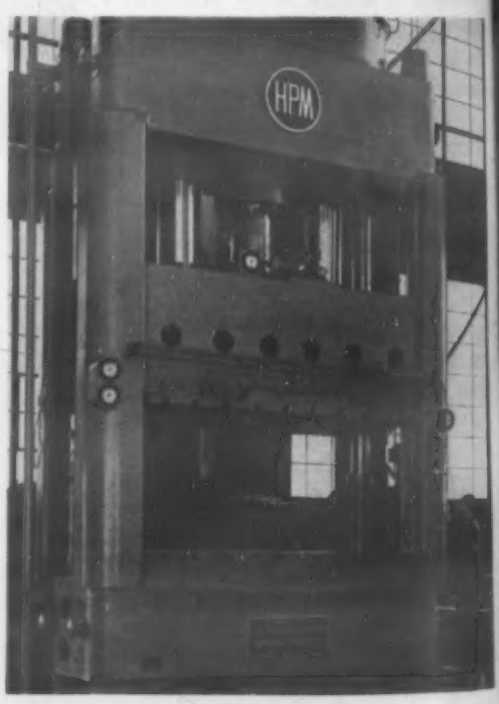
## Sheet Metal Press for Deep Drawing Jobs

A sheet metal drawing press of 1000/500-ton pressure capacity has been designed by the *Hydraulic Press Manufacturing Co.*, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, to handle deep draw jobs of exceptionally large dimension. It has a platen of 120 by 72 by 70 in. daylight opening and 36-in. ram travel. It is equipped with a 300-ton hydraulic die cushion with a platen of 48 by 52 in. and a 24-in. stroke. The bolster plate is removable.




*This press is equipped to operate in two ranges of pressing speed.*

The press is equipped with three main rams for the multiple press ram system of operation in two ranges of pressing speed. For a fast preliminary pressing at medium pressure, either the central main ram or the two outer rams can be employed with a 500-ton pressure. At a predetermined position, all three rams can be used to develop the high pressure required for final forming. A typical example of how this works is

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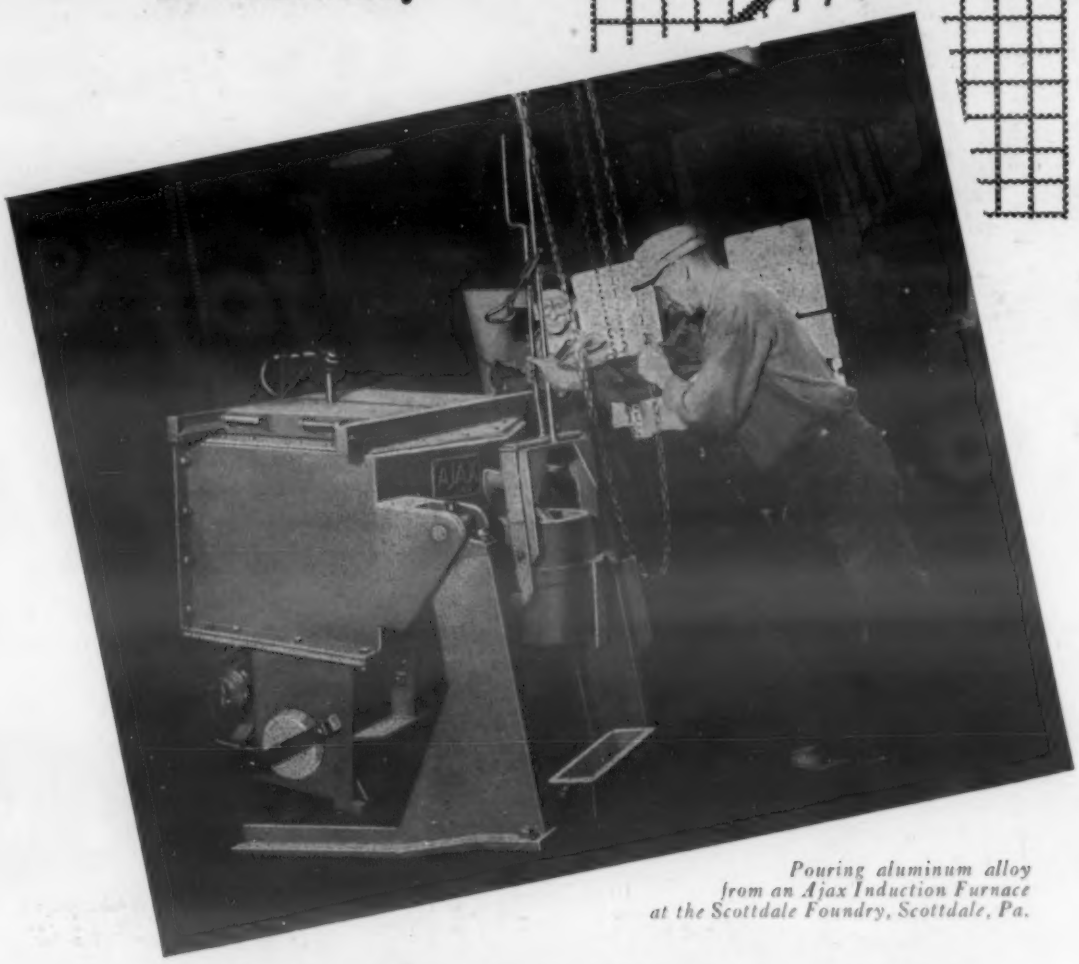

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seen in the following speed variations. Where the 500-ton pressure is used, pressing speed drops to 28 in. per min.

The press is equipped with a system of operation which regulates both the speed and direction of every press ram movement through control of the output of the pressure-generating radial pump. The action results in fast travel of the ram to the work, a slower, controlled, smooth pressing speed, and the rapid return of the ram to neutral position once the desired pressure has been reached on the work. The cycle of operation is fully automatic and is controlled by electric pushbuttons located at the operator's station.

## Glass Phenolic Laminate Has High Flexural and Impact Strength

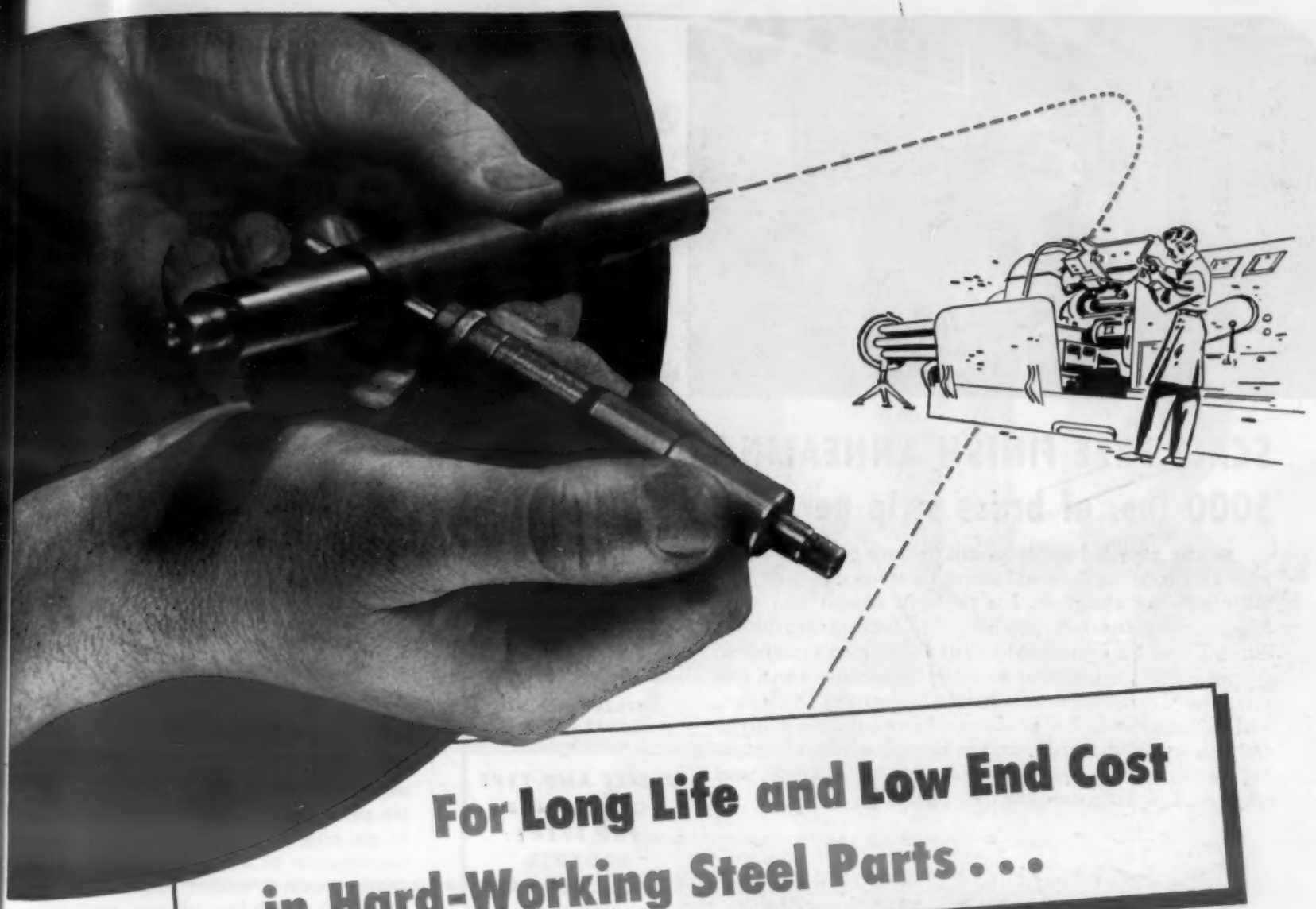
The production of a new glass phenolic laminate, known as Grade 170, has been announced by the *St. Regis Paper Co.*, Panelyte Div., 230 Park Ave., New York 17.

This glass laminate is said to be extremely low in water absorption with a value of 0.06%, low in power factor, and high in flexural and impact strength, as measured by ASTM methods.

Due to the very low water absorption and high strength, it is said that this grade may eliminate the necessity of anti-fungus treatments and other special handling now required for use in equipment in tropical climates and under high humidity conditions.

The laminate will be produced in standard sheet sizes of 36 by 36 in. and 36 by 48 in., natural color, semi-gloss finish, thicknesses ranging from 1/32nd to 2 in., with a standard NEMA tolerance for Grade G-3. The detailed properties of Grade 170 are listed below:

Tensile Strength—52,000 psi.
Flexural Strength—69,000 psi.
Bonding Strength—1900 psi.
Impact Strength—37 (flat), 18 (edge)
Density—1.78
Water Absorption—0.06%
Dielectric Strength—580
Power Factor—0.006
Dielectric Constant—4.45
Loss Factor—0.027



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## New Presses Feature High Production Rates

Two new presses have been announced by the *F. J. Stokes Machine Co.*, 5972 Tabor Rd., Philadelphia 20. One of these is a redesign of the fully automatic 50- and 150-ton closure presses for producing closures or threaded parts in large quantities.

The new press requires only 15 sec. plus curing time to automatically load, close, open, unscrew, and eject closures. The new features include a redesigned die transfer and rack cylinder; electrical connections of the plug-in type, simplifying set-up and maintenance of electrical circuits; heat resistant synthetic rubber stripper bars eliminate the possibility of cap spoilage and assure positive removal of caps from the forces; stripper bars are positively aligned by a single adjustment; and an improved unscrewing mechanism. The press is designed to take a maximum mold or die

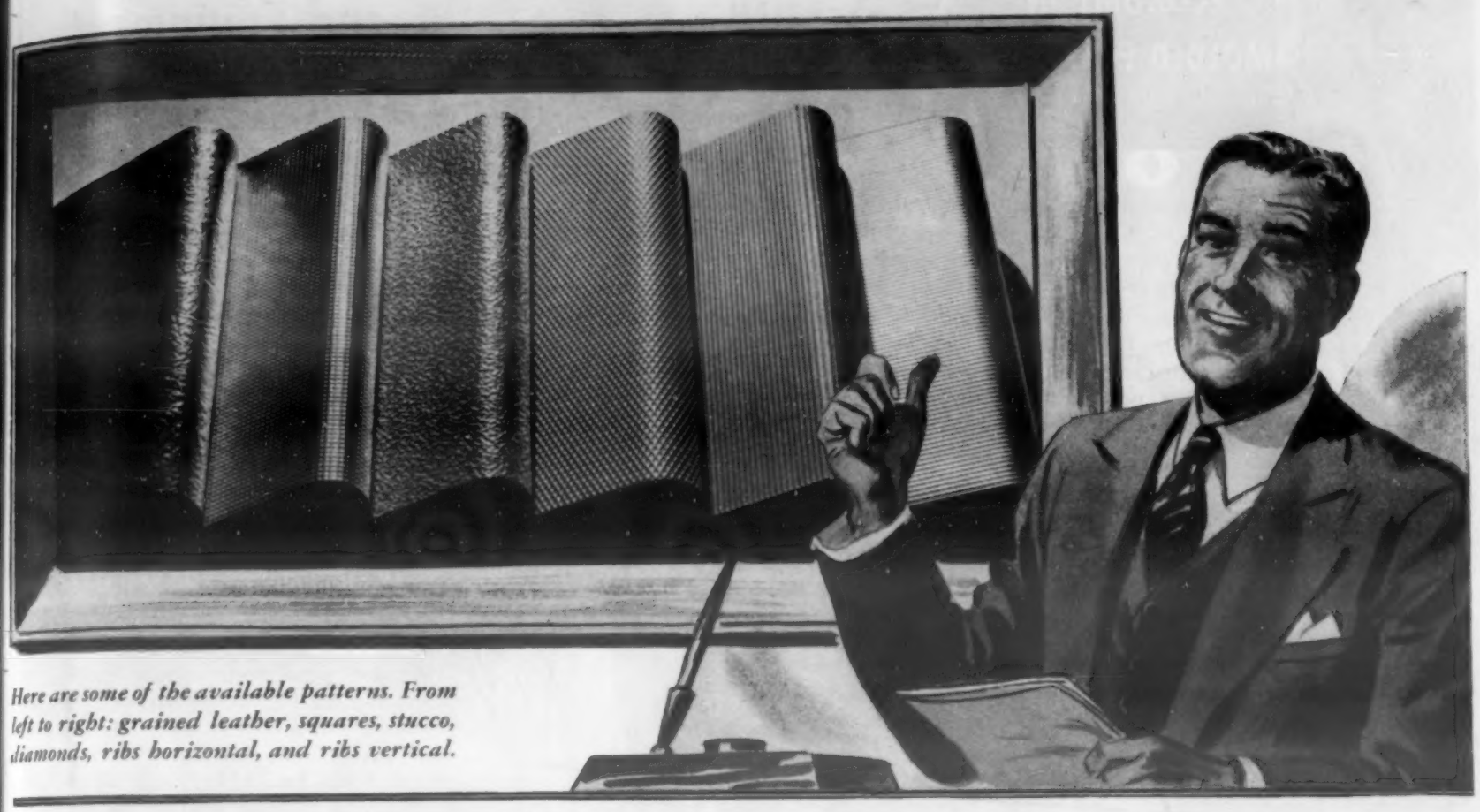
*The closure press can produce 5400 24-mm. closures per hr.*

area of 12 by 18½ or 19½ by 24 in. for the 150-ton model, and for either steam or electric heating.

The other new press is a 200-ton straight-ram type hydraulic semi-automatic plastics molding press which is suited for general purpose molding. Particularly, the press meets the demand for molding large parts having deep draws and heavy sections, such as radio cabinets, telephone bases and toaster bases.

Some of the features in this press include: automatic cycle control by bar-type controller; three-speed controlled closing; highly efficient low hydraulic pressure system;

# THIS PHOTO OF FINISHES HAS STARTED A RACE



*Here are some of the available patterns. From left to right: grained leather, squares, stucco, diamonds, ribs horizontal, and ribs vertical.*

## New Reynolds Embossed Aluminum Sheet Eliminates Surface Finishing

ANOTHER amazing development in aluminum from Reynolds! This time it's aluminum sheet with the new beauty of embossed finishes. Watch wise manufacturers rush to take advantage of this development, because it brings sweeping fabrication economies. Look for attractive new products, too, when designers get going with this new idea.

For example, an embossed finish offers you a partially fabricated product . . . provides big savings over involved finishing methods. And it's a better finish that adds new beauty. Scratches won't show, glare is cut, and you know aluminum won't rust. Embossing also affords selective stiffness or greater over-all rigidity, according to the pattern chosen. Embossed sheet can be drawn, formed, etched, or welded. Available now in quantities for development work.

The race has already started—manufacturers are using the patterns shown above for a host of better products . . . from panels on coin merchandising machines to truck body sections, and even for roofing. These users are also enjoying the other advantages of aluminum . . . such as three times the metal per pound to work with, less handling cost due to reduced weight, lower shipping cost. Aluminum is easier to work, faster on production lines. It offers smart new styling for products.

For information on this new embossed sheet and every kind of aluminum to economically improve your product, call your Reynolds Distributor or the nearest Reynolds Office, listed under "Aluminum" in the classified section of your telephone directory, or write to Reynolds Metals Company, Aluminum Division, 2560 South Third St., Louisville 1, Kentucky.

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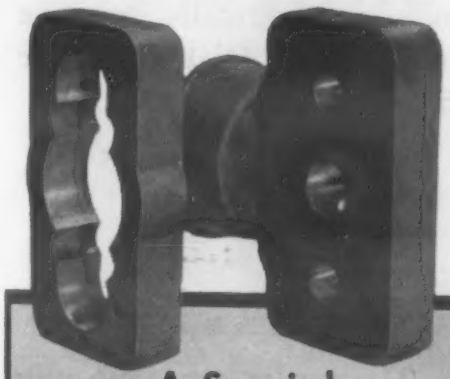

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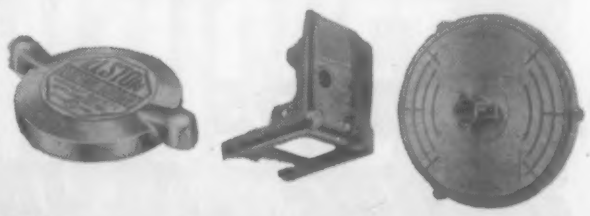

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## Continuous Casting Method Produces Dense Bearing Bronze

A new continuous casting method of producing bearing bronze having 83 copper, 7 lead, 7 tin and 3% zinc, meeting SAE 660 specification, has been developed by *Ampco Metal, Inc.*, 17455 38 St., Milwaukee 4, Wis., and is being used by the American Smelting & Refining Co.

The bearing bronze, known as Asarcon 773, is supplied in standard sizes ranging from ½ in. dia. up to 4¼ in. in solids, and 1-in. OD by ½-in. ID to 4¼-in. OD by 3¼-in. ID in hollow bars. Lengths are not standard, but distributors will cut any diameter to the length required by his customer.

The bronze is said to have an extremely dense, small, even grain structure which eliminates a majority of the costly machining difficulties encountered in other methods employed to produce to this specification. It is free of porosity, dross or sand inclusions.

## Dryer Designed for Use on Polished Metal Parts

A new mechanical dryer for the drying of metal parts has been announced by the *Optimus Equipment Co.*, 203 Water St., Matawan, N. J. The dryer was originally designed to meet the needs of the plating industry for the drying of highly polished metal surfaces without water spots, stains or streaking. Since then, these new dryers have been adopted for all types of drying of metal parts handled on monorail systems.

The dryers are designed to handle the drying of metal parts either on racks or monorail on a continuous production basis. They provide spotless drying after plating or polishing and before subsequent plating or lacquering.

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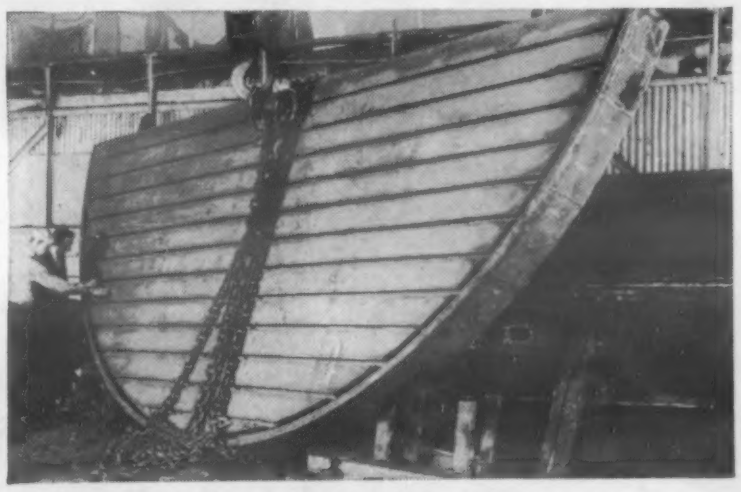

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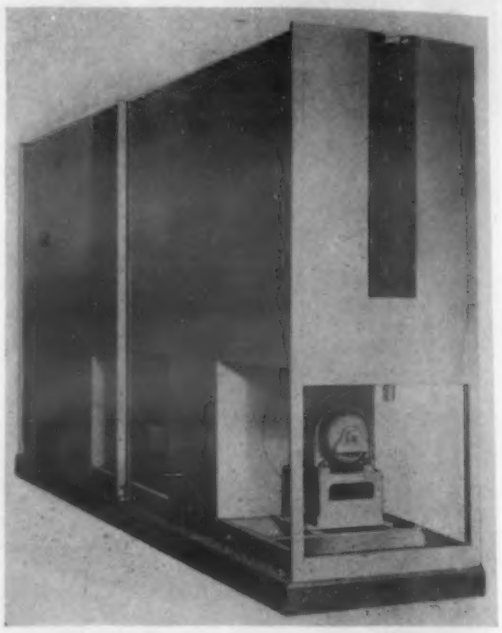
designed to be both directional and adjustable. Combinations of cold and hot air drying are employed. Cold blast removes water by mechanical action, leaving a film which is removed by the following hot air



*This dryer features directional and adjustable jet nozzles.*

blast. Provisions are made to recirculate all possible heated air.

These dryers require a minimum of floor space, and where overhead space permits, the units can be suspended from the ceiling. Air for drying can be heated by steam, gas or electricity.

## High-Viscosity, Low-Pressure Resin Developed

A new low-pressure resin with a viscosity of 50,000 to 65,000 centipoises is now available in commercial quantities for plastics laminating, molding or casting operations from the *Resinous Products Div., Rohm & Haas Co.*, Philadelphia, Pa. Its suggested uses: to improve laminating work by a thicker surface coating; to decrease the flow of resin prior to gelation in molding; to improve control of pigment and filler suspension in casting operations; or to increase film thickness of dip coatings.

The new resin has been designated as P-43HV, and is identical to the Paraplex P-43 except that it is supplied at a polyester styrene ratio of 80:20 instead of 70:30. Its high viscosity compares with that of

# *Picture* OF A "PLUS"

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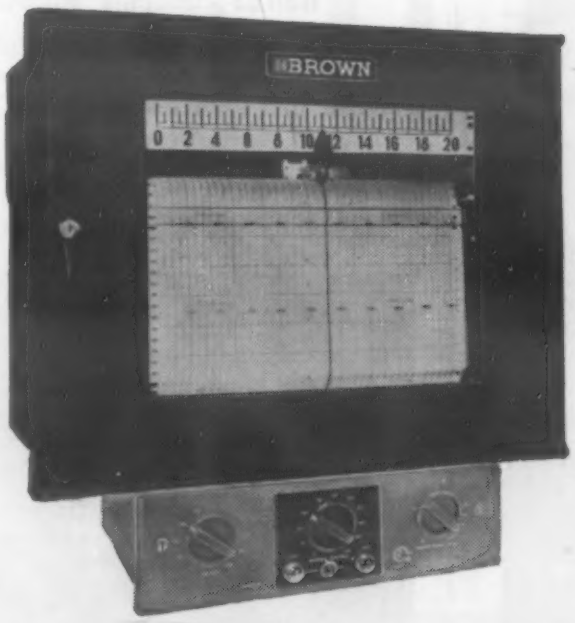


Brown *electronic proportional control relay* (shown with cover door in phantom) with the *ElectroniK* Strip Chart Controller. It may also be used with the *ElectroniK* Circular Chart Controller . . . and is available for new or existing proportioning control installations.

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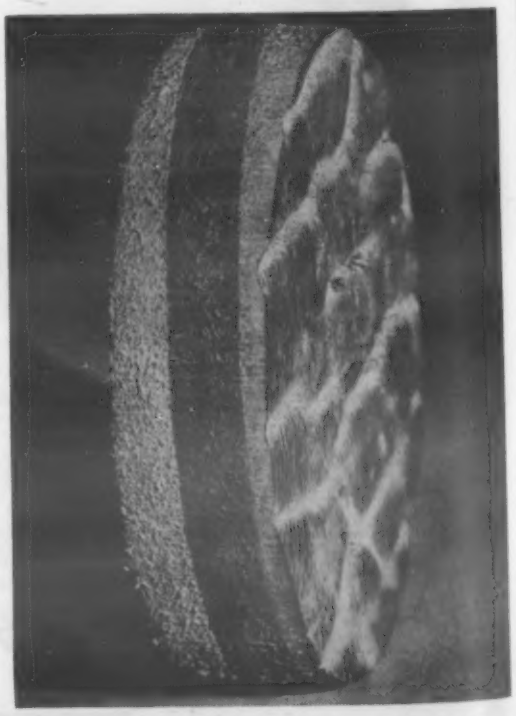

*End view of walrus hide polishing wheels showing wedge-layer structure.*

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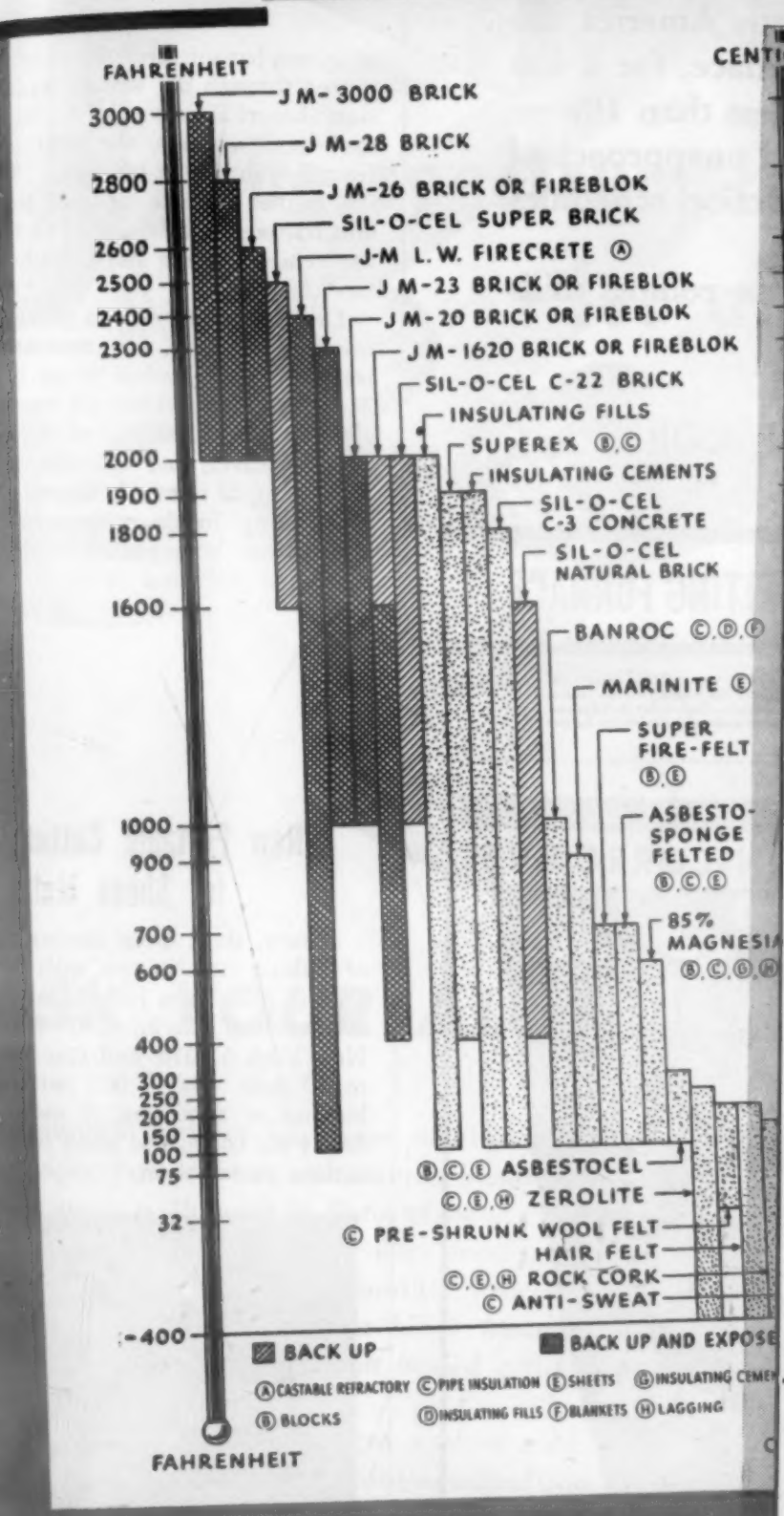


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*This sheet metal cutting tool is also useful for plastics.*

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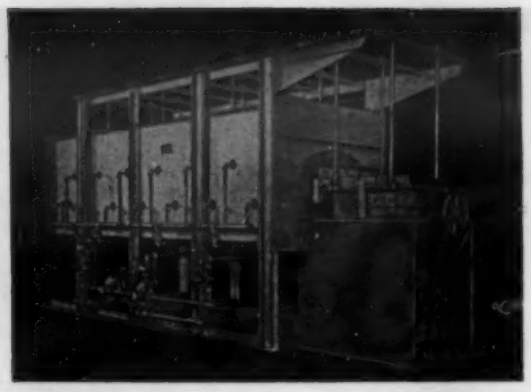

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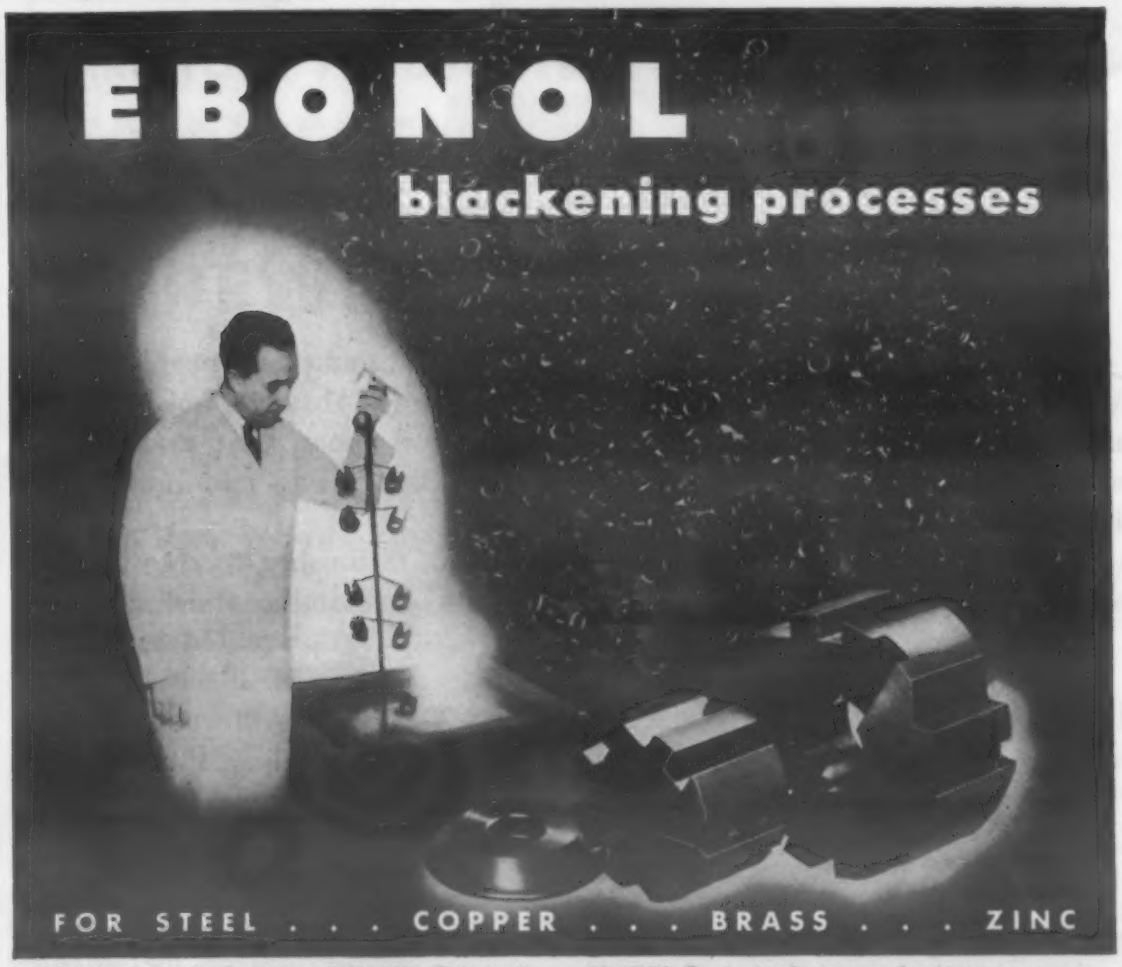


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The blade presents a 360-deg. cuttin edge that cuts smoothly in any direction The infinite speeds planetary transmissio provides a saw speed range of from 70 f per min. for steel and other tough meta to 5000 ft. per min. for wood, aluminum and other light materials.

The fact that the band saw with i spiral blade will cut freely in any direction results in many distinct advantages. It en ables the operator to cut any pattern with out turning the work. This means that h can saw to the center of any material 24 i wide and of any lengths.

The band saw will cut the following materials: steel, iron, wood, plastics, bronze aluminum, wire, plywood, leather, tin, lin oleum, bamboo, felt, bakelite, nails, ma sonite, glass, gold, silver, fiber glass, cork foam rubber, wall board, balsa wood, a bestos, cardboard, and screening. A hard ened blade (81 Rockwell hardness) i recommended when the saw is cutting metal, the regular tempered spring stee blade for wood and other soft materials

## Inert-Gas-Shielded Arc Unit for Spot Welding

A new model welder-timer assembly fo inert-gas-shielded arc spot welding has been announced by the *Miller Electric Manufacturing Co.*, Appleton, Wis. The arc welder consists of a pneumatic timer with solenoid gas valve and flow meter assembled to this company's Model 264 a.c. arc welder. It features continuous current control, with adjustment to the fraction of an ampere by rotating the control crank.

The high frequency unit and an extra heavy primary contactor with 110 v. operating coil are built in. The welder is provided with 220/440 v. primary connections. Power factor correction to give the unit a higher power factor and reduce the KVA demand load and primary ampere input is available as optional equipment.

The pneumatic timer is wired directly to the arc welder, requiring outside connections only to input power, gas, water, ground cable and the welding torch. The time in cycles to be used is selected by adjusting a control, easily accessible through a door in the side of the timer case.

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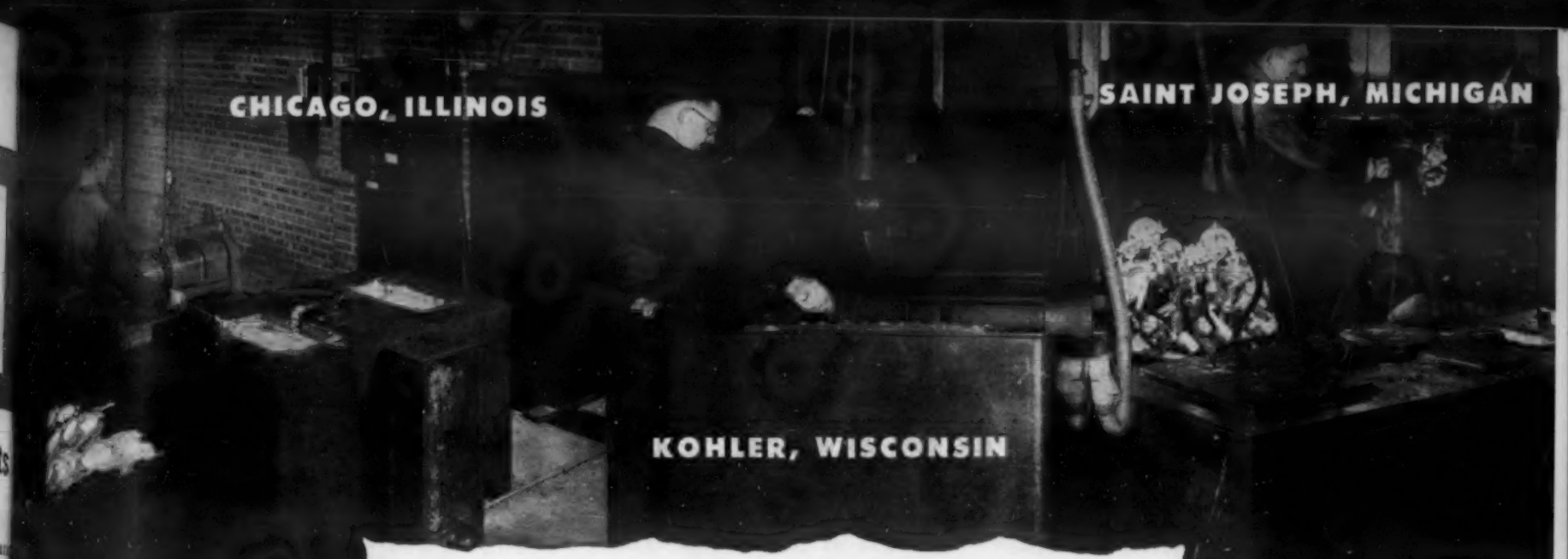


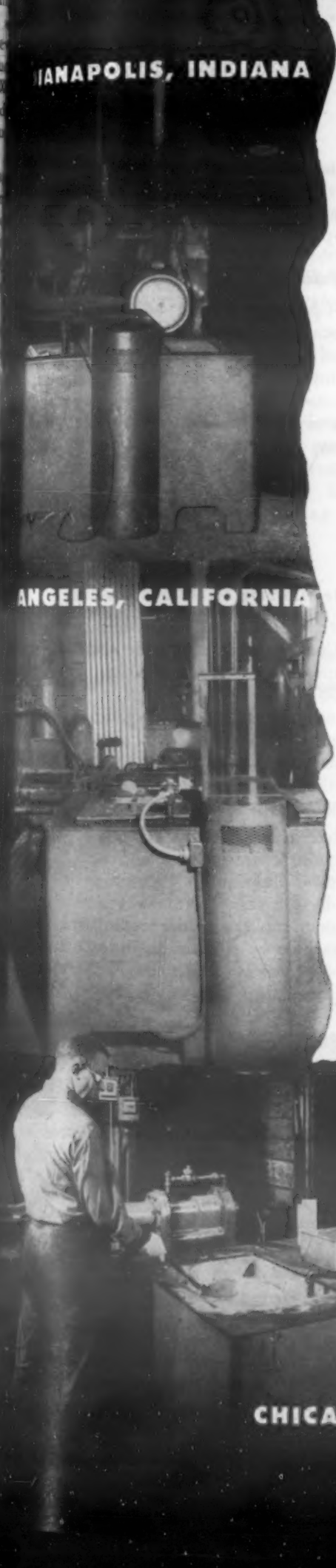

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**Edward L. Kornayzer,** Kamin Plant Supt., says: "The furnace operates much cooler and operator fatigue is practically eliminated."

**Roe F. Reed,** President, Reed Metal Crafts, says: "We're more than satisfied with our Lindberg-Fisher melting furnace. We've ordered another and plan to install more in the future."

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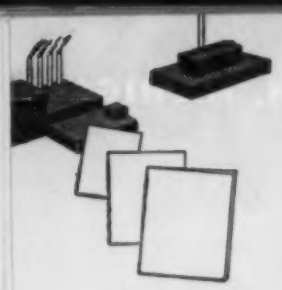

# MANUFACTURERS' LITERATURE

## Materials

### IRON AND STEEL

#### Cladmetal

The fabrication, physical and mechanical properties, and finishing operations of Rosslyn Metal, a cladmetal with outer surfaces of stainless steel bonded to an interlayer of high conductivity copper, are featured in 28 illustrated data sheets offered by the American Cladmetals Co. (1)

#### Steel Sheets and Wire

Various grades and tempers of steel sheets, and steel wire for almost every industrial use are described and illustrated, and specifications and handy tables giving the gage for steel sheets, decimal equivalents, and sizes, weights and lengths of round steel wire by steel wire gage included in this 20-page booklet, issued by the Continental Steel Corp. (2)

#### Steel Analyses Chart

This 8-page folder, No. 301, consists of a detailed analyses chart listing a large assortment of corrosion and heat resisting steels produced by various steel manufacturers. Available from the Globe Steel Tubes Co. (3)

#### How Steel Is Made

An authentic and comprehensive story of modern steel making, from the mines to finished steel, is informally told in a new 64-page, illustrated booklet, available from the Inland Steel Co. (4)

#### High-Speed Steels

The analyses, heat treatments and applications of five most commonly used types of high-speed steels produced by the Jessop Steel Co. are featured in this 16-page, illustrated bulletin, No. W-87670. Charts showing the hardnes values after heat treatment are included. (5)

#### Super Alloys

The latest edition of *Tempil° Topics,* one page, discusses super alloys, which withstand high stresses at temperatures from about 1200 to 2000 F and which are available in both cast and wrought forms. Tempil° Corp. gives tips and techniques in temperature control in each issue of *Tempil° Topics.* (6)

### NONFERROUS METALS

#### Low Temperature Melting Alloys

Physical data in tabular form of the various Cerro-Alloy low temperature melting alloys produced by the Cerro de Pasco Copper Corp. are presented in this 2-page bulletin, No. J2. (7)

#### Aluminum Bronze

Numerous tables on the physical characteristics, electric conductivity and specification comparisons of Molin Metal—a pure aluminum bronze without iron or other additions, produced in various degrees of hardness to suit the application, and melted and poured the correct way to insure perfect castings—are featured in this 12-page, illustrated bulletin released by the Dirilyte Co. of America, Inc. (8)

#### Nickel Alloys

Characteristics, applications, mechanical properties, chemical composition, physical constants and available mill forms of a complete line of individualized Inco nickel alloys, including Monel, "R" Monel, "K" Monel, "KR" Monel, "S" Monel, "L" nickel, "Z" nickel and Inconel, are featured in this attractive, 12-page, illustrated bulletin, released by the International Nickel Co., Inc. (9)

#### Austenitic Alloy

The chemical composition, mechanical properties, physical properties, heat treatment, machinability, etc., of Misco 20-Cast, produced by the Alloy Casting Div. of the Michigan Steel Casting Co., are given in this 2-page bulletin. (10)

#### Spot Weld and Paint Preparers

This 4-page, illustrated bulletin, No. 46-62, discusses Alumiprep No. 20, a brush-on wipe-off type for preparing aluminum and its alloys for painting, and Alumiprep No. 1, a dip-tank type for preparing aluminum and its alloys for spot welding and painting. Neilson Chemical Co. (11)

### PARTS AND FORMS

#### Tungsten Carbide Blanks and Bushings

Detailed specifications and prices of a complete line of tungsten carbide standard and nonstandard blanks, tool blanks, "Go" and "No-Go" standard plug gage bushings, and ring gage bushings are included in this 12-page, illustrated bulletin, issued by the Adamas Carbide Corp. (12)

#### Aluminum Alloy Castings

Complete data covering all phases of the production, characteristics and applications of Permite aluminum alloy castings as produced by the sand, permanent mold, semi-permanent mold, and die casting processes are presented by Aluminum Industries, Inc., in this profusely illustrated, 80-page reference manual. (13)

#### Precision Investment Castings

An interesting article on precision investment castings is presented by the Arwood Precision Casting Corp. in this 16-page, illustrated bulletin, including a table of alloys found by Arwood to be most adaptable to its process. (14)

#### Steel Tubing

Five data cards available from the Babcock & Wilcox Tube Co. cover the following subjects: No. 115, tolerances of round seamless steel mechanical tubing; No. 112,

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...ietric conversion table; No. 110, linear ...onversion table; No. 103, wall thickness ...ata for seamless and welded tubing; and No. 125, hardness conversion tables. (15)

### Drop Forgings

The development of metal quality progressively throughout hot working operations, from the blast furnace to the finished forging, a discussion of forging quality steel and the selection of metals for forgings, steps in making forging dies, etc., are all included in this interesting, 60-page, illustrated catalog published by the Drop Forging Assn. (16)

### Wire Rope

Complete data on installing and operating wire rope, selecting the correct wire rope for the job, and the sizes, grades, construction and physical properties of the entire line of standard J & L wire ropes produced by the Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp. are presented in this attractively illustrated, 96-page catalog. (17)

### New Screening

Lumite, a new kind of screening woven of Saran, and which is stainproof, rust-proof, lasts a lifetime, and never needs painting, is discussed in this 4-page, illustrated, pocket-size folder, issued by the Lumite Div. of the Chicopee Manufacturing Corp. (18)

### Meehanite Metal Applications

The third of a series of new application bulletins, No. 30, describes and illustrates the current uses of Meehanite castings. This bulletin, eight pages, has been published by the Meehanite Metal Corp. (19)

### Thermoplastic Extruders, Etc.

Detailed descriptions and specifications of various thermoplastic extruders, an orientation unit, conveyor, granulator and drying cabinet, for use in the extrusion of plastic materials, are presented by the Modern Plastic Machinery Co. in this 4-page, illustrated bulletin, No. MP-10. (20)

### Zinc Alloy Die Castings

The more salient features of Zamak-3 and Zamak-5 zinc alloy die castings, their method of production, and typical applications are all reviewed in this 28-page, illustrated booklet, available from the New Jersey Zinc Co. (21)

### Chrome Steel Tubing and Bars

A detailed stock list of the complete line of chrome steel tubing and bars supplied in three grades—SAE 52100, PSI #1 or PSI #2—by Peterson Steels, Inc., is available in this 12-page booklet. The chemical analysis of each grade and typical applications are included. (22)

### Brass and Bronze Castings

The design, size limitations and tolerances of various brass pressure die castings and aluminum-bronze permanent mold and centrifugal castings are featured in this 10-page bulletin, issued by the Pressco Casting & Manufacturing Corp. (23)

### Expanded Metal

Engineering data on all sizes of Ryex standard and Ryex flattened expanded metal, including load deflection, air flow comparison, specifications, typical applications, etc., are presented by the Joseph T. Ryerson & Son, Inc., in its 8-page, illustrated bulletin. (24)

### Steel Castings

This useful table of general engineering types of steel castings, classified according to tensile strengths, has been prepared and will be distributed by the Steel Founders' Society of America. (25)

### Permanent Magnets

The Thomas & Skinner Steel Products Co. has issued a 20-page, illustrated bulletin containing complete data on the use, design and fabrication of permanent magnets. Composite charts of demagnetization and energy product curves and a table of typical properties are included. (26)

### Seamless Tubing

Complete data on Rockrite close tolerance, cold reduced seamless tubing, available in a wide range of metals including many that are difficult, if possible, to cold draw, are presented by the Tube Reducing Corp. in this attractive, 20-page, illustrated bulletin. (27)

## PLASTICS

### Thermosetting Resins

Five new thermosetting resins for use in protecting and repairing metal equipment for corrosive service are discussed by the Carboline Co. in its 4-page, illustrated bulletin, No. C-2. Typical applications and complete instructions on how to use these resins are included. (28)

**To obtain literature appearing on these pages, please refer to easy-to-use reply card on page 129.**

### Laminated Plastics

Complete instructions on how to veneer and fabricate Formica laminated plastics, including choice of materials, tools and other equipment, gluing, pressing, edging, etc., are presented by the Formica Co. in this 4-page, illustrated bulletin, No. 110. (29)

### Plastics Molding Material

The General Electric Co. has announced in a 6-page folder, No. CDC-12A, the availability of G-E 12446, a Hycar rubber-phenolic compound possessing excellent shock resistance and moldability, as well as easy preforming. A complete list of powder properties and properties of molded test specimens is included. (30)

### Plastics

Data on the physical properties of Tenite I, a cellulose acetate plastic, and Tenite II, a cellulose acetate butyrate plastic, in the types, formulas and flows regularly supplied for molding and extrusion, together with other information of use in specifying Tenite for various applications, are presented in this 46-page catalog, fifth edition, published by the Tennessee Eastman Corp. (31)

## NONMETALLICS

### Electrical Porcelain

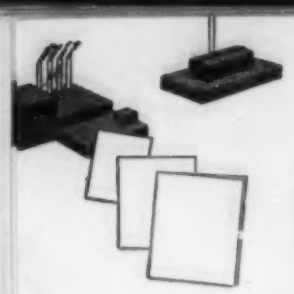
An interesting article on the electrical and physical properties of electrical porcelain, an excellent insulating material, is presented by the National Ceramic Co. in this 24-page, illustrated booklet. (32)

### Carbon Brushes for Electrical Machines

All types and sizes of USG carbon and carbon-graphite, electrographitic, graphite, and metal-graphite brushes for electrical machines, available in production lots or for replacement purposes, are described and illustrated in this attractive, 44-page catalog, No. B-49, available from the United States Graphite Co., Div. of the Wickes Corp. A helpful table of characteristics, descriptions and uses is included. (33)

### Vulcanized Fibre

This 4-page, illustrated bulletin includes the physical properties and a comparison chart of Wilmington vulcanized fibre and Fyberoid (fish paper), available in sheets and continuous rolls. The Wilmington Fibre Specialty Co. states that its fibre is a



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perfect all-purpose electrical insulating material. (34)

# Methods and Equipment

## HEAT TREATING

### Electric Heat Treating Furnaces

This 20-page folder contains four illustrated bulletins, a price list, and instructions on how to select the proper small electric heat treating furnace, supplied with automatic temperature control and produced by the Cooley Electric Manufacturing Corp. Specifications and accessory equipment data are included. (35)

### Controlled Atmosphere Furnace

The principles of operation, constructional features and specifications of a controlled atmosphere furnace that meets every heat treating problem on all types of steel are included in this 16-page, illustrated bulletin, released by the Delaware Tool Steel Corp. (36)

### High Temperature Electric Tube Furnace

Bulletin No. 1148, published by the Harper Electric Furnace Corp., describes and illustrates a high temperature electric tube furnace especially designed for general research work. A useful chart of typical heating and cooling curves is included. (37)

### Electric Furnaces

A complete line of "Certain Curtain" controlled-atmosphere electric furnaces and auxiliary equipment is described and illustrated in this 32-page bulletin, No. 110, issued by C. I. Hayes, Inc. Specifications are included. (38)

### Electric Radiant Heaters

A group of illustrated bulletins containing complete data on all-metal Chromalox electric radiant heaters is offered by the Edwin L. Wiegand Co. Actual applications of the RAD heaters are interestingly portrayed. (39)

## WELDING AND JOINING

### Specifications for Arc Welding Electrodes

Tentative Specifications for copper and copper-alloy metal arc welding electrodes, issued jointly by the American Welding Society and the American Society for Testing Materials, are presented in a 10-page booklet available from Ampco Metal, Inc. (40)

### Industrial Fasteners

Time and money-saving case histories that show how Bostitch machines for stapling and wire stitching render better and faster work are reviewed by Bostitch in its 16-page, illustrated bulletin, No. PTG 223. (41)

### Aluminum Fasteners

An illustrated stock list of 551 kinds of aluminum screws, machine bolts, nuts, washers and nails, which, when used with wood or aluminum construction, will not rust either on inside or outside installations, is available from the Central Steel & Wire Co. (42)

### Welding Electrodes

An interesting little booklet covering complete information on how to choose and use the correct welding electrode is available from the Champion Rivet Co. (43)

### Fasteners

This illustrated, single sheet lists 13 excellent reasons for using the wide assortment of Everlasting bolts, nuts, screws, washers, rivets and accessories, in brass, bronzes, copper, Monel and stainless steels, produced by the H. M. Harper Co. (44)

### Electrodes for Welding Stainless Steel

Bulletin No. 463, eight pages, contains illustrations and data on the application, properties of deposited metal, procedure and typical applications of a variety of Stainweld electrodes for the shielded arc welding of stainless steels and for surfacing with d.c. Lincoln Electric Co. (45)

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The many advantages of installing vario types of air ejection sets, either cam or ra operated, on standard power presses a discussed in this 6-page, illustrated bulleti No. A-8, released by A. Schrader's So Div. of the Scovill Manufacturing Co., In (47)

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### Cutter Grinding

Practical data in tabular and chart form for the correct sharpening of milling cutters including cutting speed and feeds to b used, are presented by Cincinnati Milling & Grinding Machines, Inc., in this 16-page illustrated booklet, No. M-1657. (48)

### Surface Broaching Machines

A complete line of new, improved Dual Ram surface broaching machines, their design, operation, uses, features, specifications and accessories, are all included in this illustrated bulletin, No. RT-48, released by the Colonial Broach Co. (49)

### Band Filing

The many advantageous features of the DoAll Bandfiler for the faster precision band filing of every filing job are profusely illustrated and described in this 4-page bulletin, No. 48-400, available from the DoAll Co. Complete specifications are included. (50)

### Jig Borer Cutting Tools

Suggested jig borer cutting tools, the feed, speed and estimated time for each boring operation, constants for converting spindle speeds for different materials, accessories, and numerous tables are all included in this 24-page, illustrated catalog, available from the Moore Special Tool Co., Inc. (51)

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| *Dia. of Crankshaft Journal or Crankpin* | *Oil Clearance between shaft and bearing on diameter* | *Crankshaft End Clearance* |
|---|---|---|
| 2" to 2¾" | .0015 ± .001 | .004 to .006 |
| 2 13/16" to 3½" | .0025 | .006 to .008 |
| 3 9/16" to 3¾" | .003 | .008 to .010 |
| 3⅞" | .0035 | .008 to .010 |
| 4" | .004 | .008 to .010 |

*This data computed on the use of white or babbitt metals.

**BEARING CLEARANCES IN INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS**

| CLASS OF BEARING | *Running Clearance, Thousandths of an inch, for shaft dia. under* | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | ½" | 1" | 2" | 3½" | 5½" |
| Precision Spindle Practice—Hardened & ground spindle lapped into the bronze bushing. Below 500 ft./Min. & 500#/Sq. In. | .00025 to .0075 | .00075 to 0015. | .0015 to .0025 | .0025 to .0035 | .0035 to .005 |
| Precision spindle practice—Hardened & Ground spindle lapped into bronze bushing. Above 500 ft./Min. & 500#/Sq. in. | .0005 to .001 | .001 to .002 | .002 to .003 | .003 to .0045 | .0045 to .0065 |
| Electric Motor & Generator Practice—Ground Journal in broached or reamed bronze bushing or reamed Babbitt bushing | .0005 to .0015 | .001 to .002 | .0015 to .0035 | .002 to .004 | .003 to .006 |
| General Machine Practice (Continuous rotating motion)—Turned steel or cold rolled steel Journals in bored & reamed bronze or poured & reamed babbitt bushings | .002 to .004 | .0025 to .0045 | .003 to .005 | .004 to .007 | .005 to .008 |
| General Machine Practice (Oscillating Motion)—Journal & Bearing material as above | .0025 to .0045 | .0025 to .0045 | .003 to .005 | .004 to .007 | .005 to .008 |
| Rough Machine Practice—Turned steel or cold-rolled steel Journals in Poured babbitt bearings | .003 to .006 | .005 to .009 | .008 to .012 | .011 to .016 | .014 to .020 |

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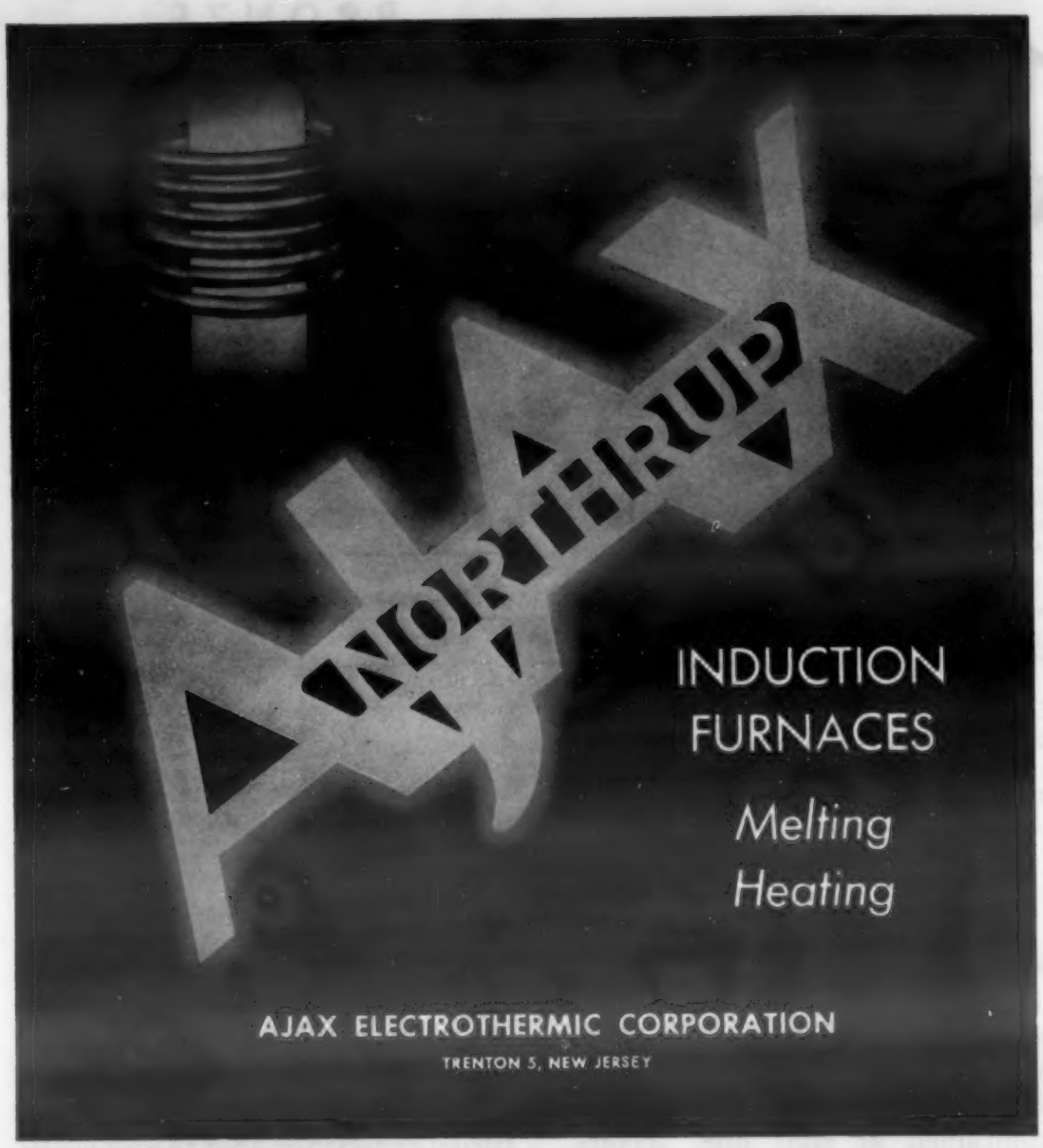

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## Engineers

*John W. Vanderslice* has been named chief industrial engineer of the Oliver Iron & Steel Corp. Mr. Vanderslice formerly was associated with American Associated Consultants, Inc.

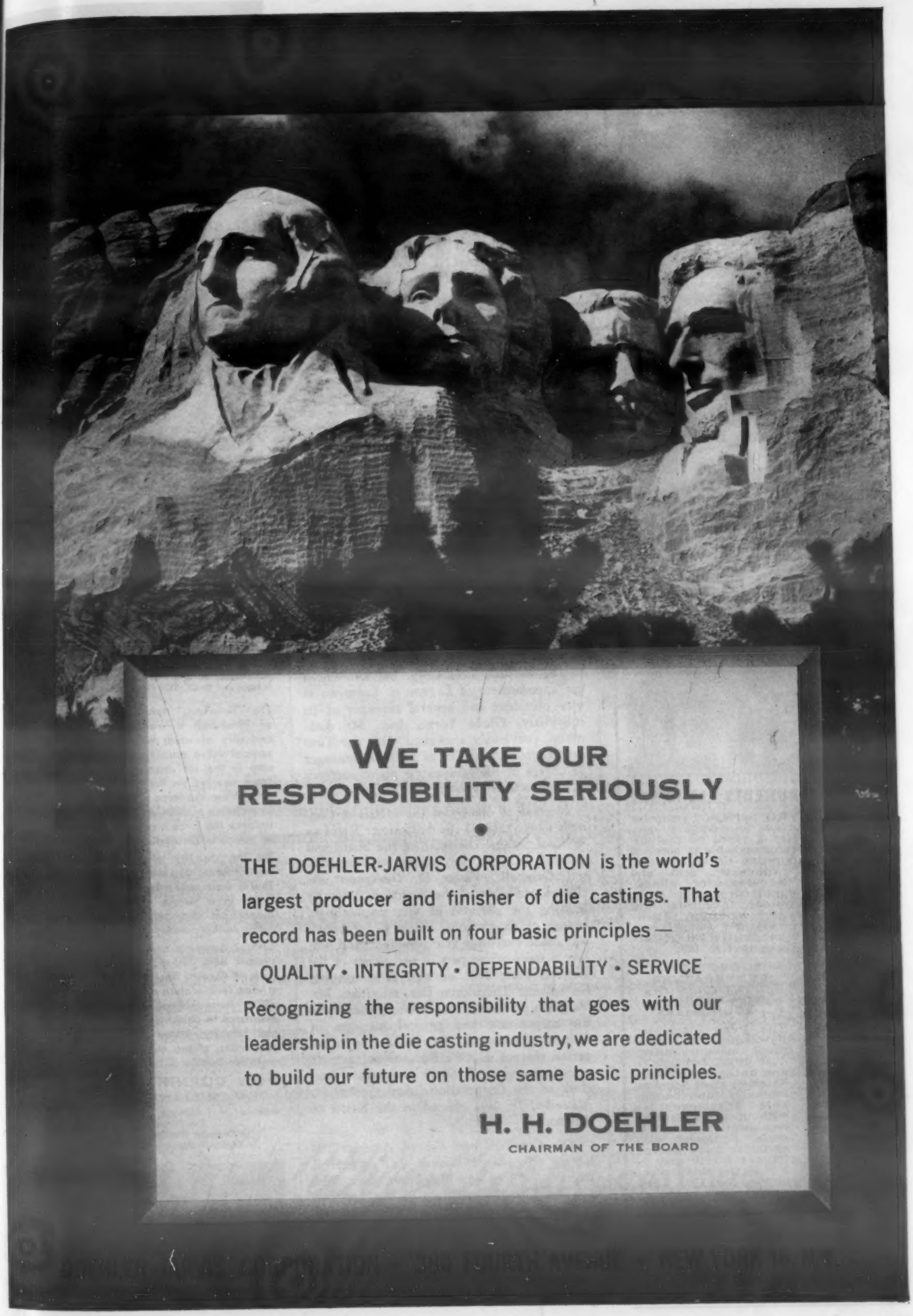
Air Reduction Co., Inc., has announced the appointment of Dr. *G. V. Slottman* as director of engineering and research. He previously was technical assistant to the vice president in charge of sales of Air Reduction.

Two new members were elected to the Board of directors of Arthur D. Little, Inc. They are Professor *Thomas K. Sherwood*, dean of engineering of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Dr. *Bruce S. Old*, in charge of process metallurgy for Arthur D. Little, Inc. *R. C. Griffin* retired as director and assistant secretary under the company's regular retirement plan. The election of officers for 1949 also were held and include *Earl P. Stevenson*, president; *Raymond Stevens*, *Thorne L. Wheeler* and *Leroy F. Marek*, vice presidents; *Henry G. Powning*, treasurer; *Frank N. Houghton*, secretary and assistant treasurer; *Helge Holst*, assistant secretary; and *Howard J. Billings*, assistant treasurer and assistant secretary.

The National Bureau of Standards recently made three appointments to its staff. They include *William M. Piper*, who will do research in the Ordnance Mechanics Laboratory of the Electronics Div. Mr. Piper formerly was a project engineer in charge of research and development of all batteries and related equipment for the Office of Chief Signal Officer, Dept. of the Army. Dr. *John R. Pellam's* new duties will be concerned with research in the Cyrogenics Laboratory. Previously he was on the staff of the Research Laboratory of Electronics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. And Dr. *Ralph L. Nuttall*, who received his Ph.D. from Yale University last June, will do research on the thermal conductivity of gases at elevated temperatures and pressures in the Thermodynamics Laboratory.

The resignation of Rear Admiral *William Granat*, U.S.N. (Ret.) as treasurer of Lester B. Knight & Associates, Inc., consulting engineers, will take effect this June.

*Fred A. Pritzloff* has been promoted to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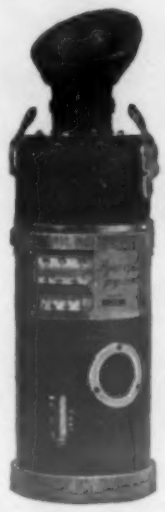

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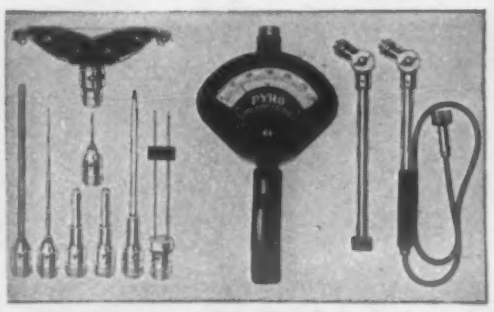

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the position of consultant on foundry problems to Harold F. Falk, vice president and works manager of the Falk Foundry Div. of the Falk Corp. *Carl Haertel* succeeds Mr. Pritzloff as foundry superintendent in full charge of that department.

The promotion of *Leonard R. Shorek* to the position of chief engineer and *James D. Russell* to that of sales manager of the Young Brothers Co. has just been announced.

The National Research Corp. has elected *Robert A. Stauffer* a vice president and director of research.

*Raymond B. Seymour* has been named executive vice president and general manager of the Atlas Mineral Products Co. Mr. Seymour, formerly chief chemist of Atlas, will direct his attention to the improvement and development of new protective coatings, linings and cements.

The resignation of *Roland C. Disney* as vice president and general manager of the Whitcomb Locomotive Co. became effective last month. *Charles K. Olson* succeeded Mr. Disney as general manager.

The Barium Steel Corp. has announced the appointment of *Eugene A. Lehmann* as vice president and general manager of its subsidiary, Globe Forge, Inc. Mr. Lehmann, previously associated with the Timken Detroit Axle Co. as assistant manager in charge of the Melvindale plant, succeeds *E. Lawton Bishop,* who resigned.

Election of officers of the Metals & Controls Corp. include the following: *Rathbun Willard* became chairman of the board and general manager, succeeding the late Russell Grinnell. *Victor D. Davignon* was elected president of the company, formerly holding the position of vice president in charge of production. *Victor G. Vaughan* was made executive vice president, and will take a more active part in the affairs of the General Plate Div. as well as continuing his Spencer Thermostat Div. activities. Mr. Vaughan previously was a vice president of the corporation and general manager of Spencer Thermostat. Two re-elections comprised that of *H. W. Boessenkool* as vice president and *C. J. Stone* as treasurer and clerk of the Corporation. And *George A. Matteson, Jr.,* was elected to the board of directors.

The Crucible Steel Co. of America has named *Howard M. Givens, Jr.,* as general manager of tool and high-speed sales. Mr. Givens, formerly manager of bar and roll sales for the Midvale Co., will maintain headquarters at Crucible's New York office.

*Alwin F. Franz* has been appointed an executive vice president of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Corp. and its subsidiary companies. Mr. Franz is also a member of the


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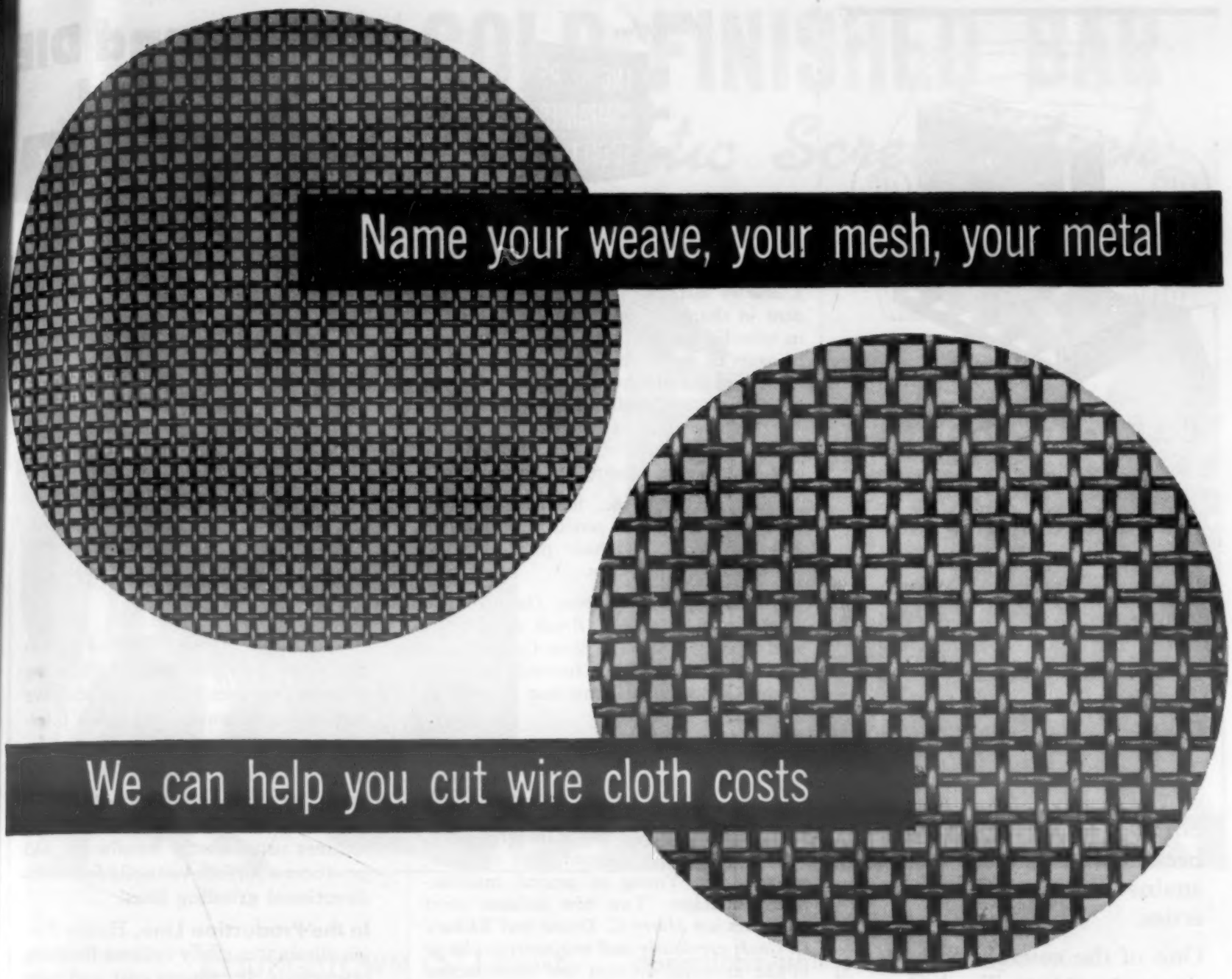


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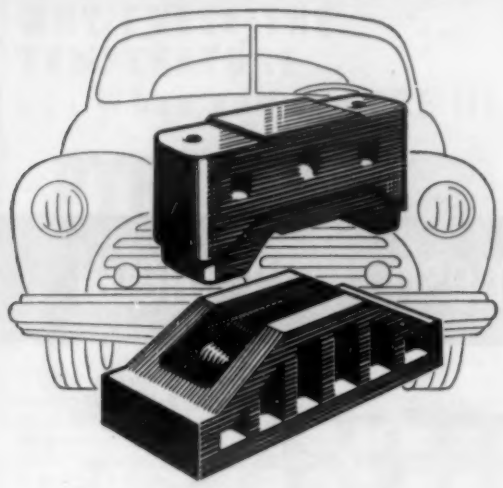

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Olin Industries, Inc., has named *W. C. Schade* as manager of product divisions for the company. Mr. Schade previously was assistant to the president.

The election of *Kempton Dunn* as vice president and *Cyrus E. Brush* as secretary of the American Brake Shoe Co. has been announced. Mr. Dunn, formerly secretary of the Company, will continue to serve as treasurer.

Several appointments on the staff of the Buick Motor Div. of General Motors have been announced. *O. W. Young* was named to the newly created capacity of executive assistant to the general manager. *E. T. Ragsdale,* formerly assistant chief engineer, succeeds Mr. Young as general manufacturing manager. Two new assistant chief engineers are *Harry C. Doane* and *Richard C. Cook,* previously staff engineers in charge of the electrical division and experimental engineering, respectively.

*Paul F. Preston* has joined the General Electric Co. as Chemicals Div. manufacturing manager of the Chemical Dept. Mr. Preston, whose headquarters will be at Pittsfield, Mass., formerly was associated with the Allied Chemical & Dye Corp. as assistant to the technical director of its Barrett Div.

The Hydraulic Press Manufacturing Co. has announced the appointment of *J. P. Vederko* as works manager. Mr. Vederko, previously general superintendent of the Cross Co., succeeds *E. J. McSweeny,* who resigned.

The appointment of *R. G. Nielson* as general manager of production and manufacturing for the Mackintosh-Hemphill Co. has just been announced. Formerly, Mr. Neilson was in charge of the roll shop in the Garrison Plant of Mackintosh-Hemphill.

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The purchase of the *Bellis Heat Treating Co.*, Branford, Conn., by the *Crown Chemical Corp.*, Guilford, Conn., has been announced. Bellis will continue to operate as a separate entity, but will benefit from the research facilities of Crown Chemical.

*Premium Plastics, Inc.*, has recently opened a plastics plant in Verona, Ohio. Specializing in the manufacture of tailor-made plastic premiums for sales promotion purposes, the plant contains a creative staff purposely to provide complete plastic service from idea creation to shipment of the finished product. George F. Waite, formerly associated with the Celanese Plastics Corp., is president and sales manager. Melvin Kemper, previously with the Inland Div. of General Motors, was named plant manager. Other officials of the firm are Bradley Schaeffer, vice president, and Stewart L. Sheldon, secretary and treasurer.

The *Harcast Co.* has moved to its new plant, located at Glenolden Ave. and Hook Rd., Glenolden, Pa.

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The appointment of the *Central Steel & Wire Co.*, Chicago 80, as distributors of aluminum fasteners in the Midwest has been announced by the *Aluminum Co. of America*, Pittsburgh 19, Pa.

The *United States Plywood Corp.* has just opened a new warehouse in Glendale, Calif., which will carry a complete line of Weldwood plywood and affiliated products. Fred B. Smales will manage the new addition.

The exclusive sales agency for handling cladmetals manufactured by the *American Cladmetals Co.*, Carnegie, Pa., has been assigned to *Williams & Co., Inc.*, Pittsburgh, Pa. The territory includes Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia.

The headquarters plant and warehouse of the *National Plastic Co.* has been moved

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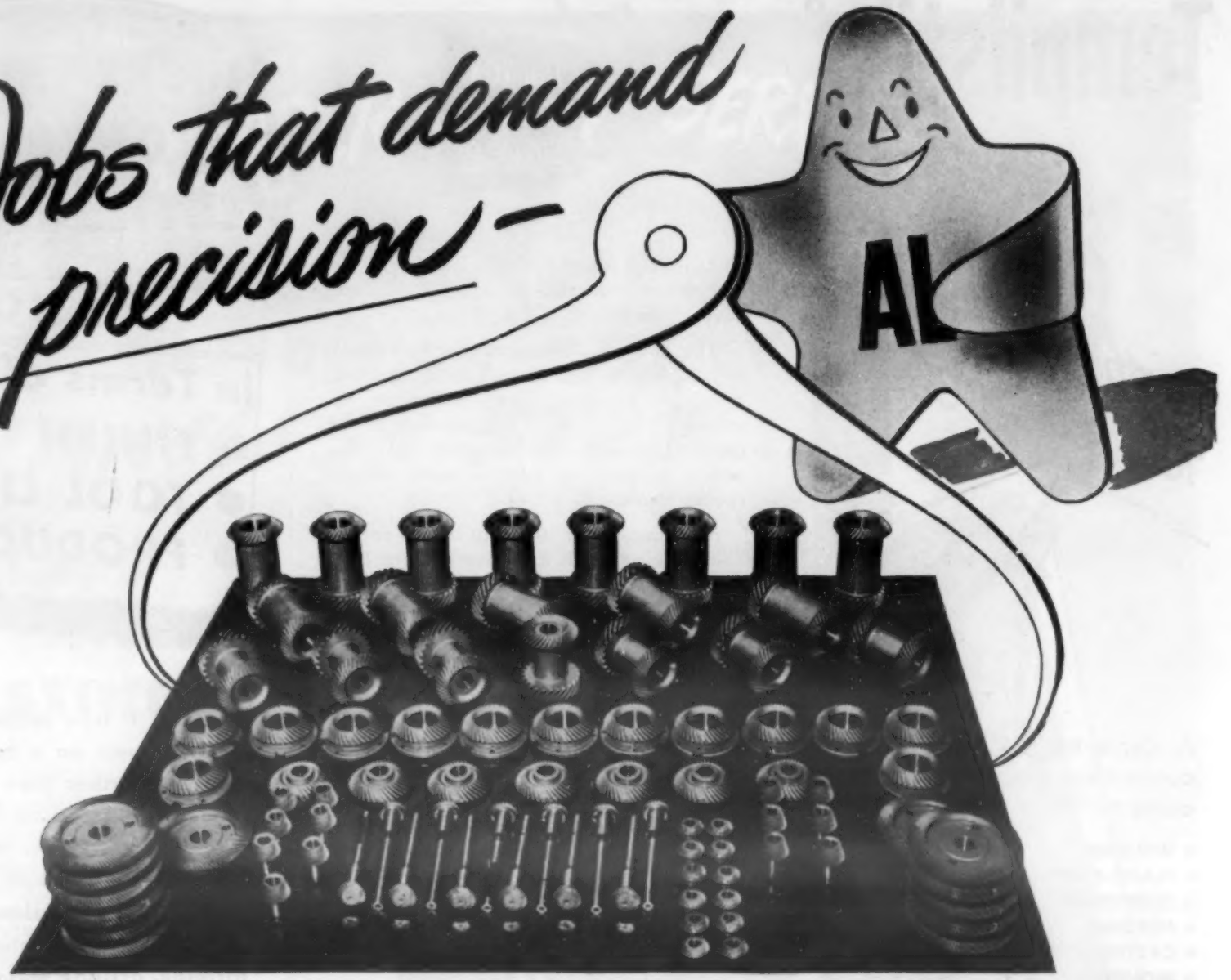


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An educational training film, entitled "Molding on a Jolt Roll-Over Pattern Draw Machine," is being offered by the *Cooper Alloy Foundry Co.* to any engineering school, society or club interested in foundry practices. The 22-min., 16-mm. film will be furnished free on request. Applications should be addressed to Miss R. B. Kubert, Librarian, Cooper Alloy Foundry Co., Hillside, N. J.

### Societies

Frank T. Sisco, director of Alloys of Iron Research, has been appointed technical director of the *Engineering Foundation,* a joint research agency of the *American Society of Civil Engineers,* the *American Institute of Mining & Metallurgical Engineers,* the *American Society of Mechanical Engineers,* and the *American Institute of Electrical Engineers.* Mr. Sisco will continue with Alloys of Iron Research for the present.

Alexander L. Feild received an honorary degree of Doctor of Science from the *Stevens Institute of Technology* for his achievements in the field of science. Mr. Feild is associate director of the Research Laboratories, Rustless Div., Armco Steel Corp.

The *American Society of Body Engineers* elected the following officers for the ensuing year: president—Arthur L. Bradley, chief engineer of the Wettlaufer Manufacturing Co.; vice president—Carl W. Cenzer, body development engineer of Hudson Motor; secretary—Harold V. Atnip, assistant chief body draftsman of Chrysler Corp.; and treasurer—William K. Norwick, executive assistant of the general director, Engineering Div., Fisher Body.

Orrin B. Wernst has been appointed managing director and counsel of the *Pressed Metal Institute,* and Jerry Singleton was named assistant manager. Mr. Werntz will continue his duties as executive secretary of the National Screw Machine Products Assn. in addition to his new assignment. The offices of PMI are now located at 13210 Shaker Square, Cleveland 20.

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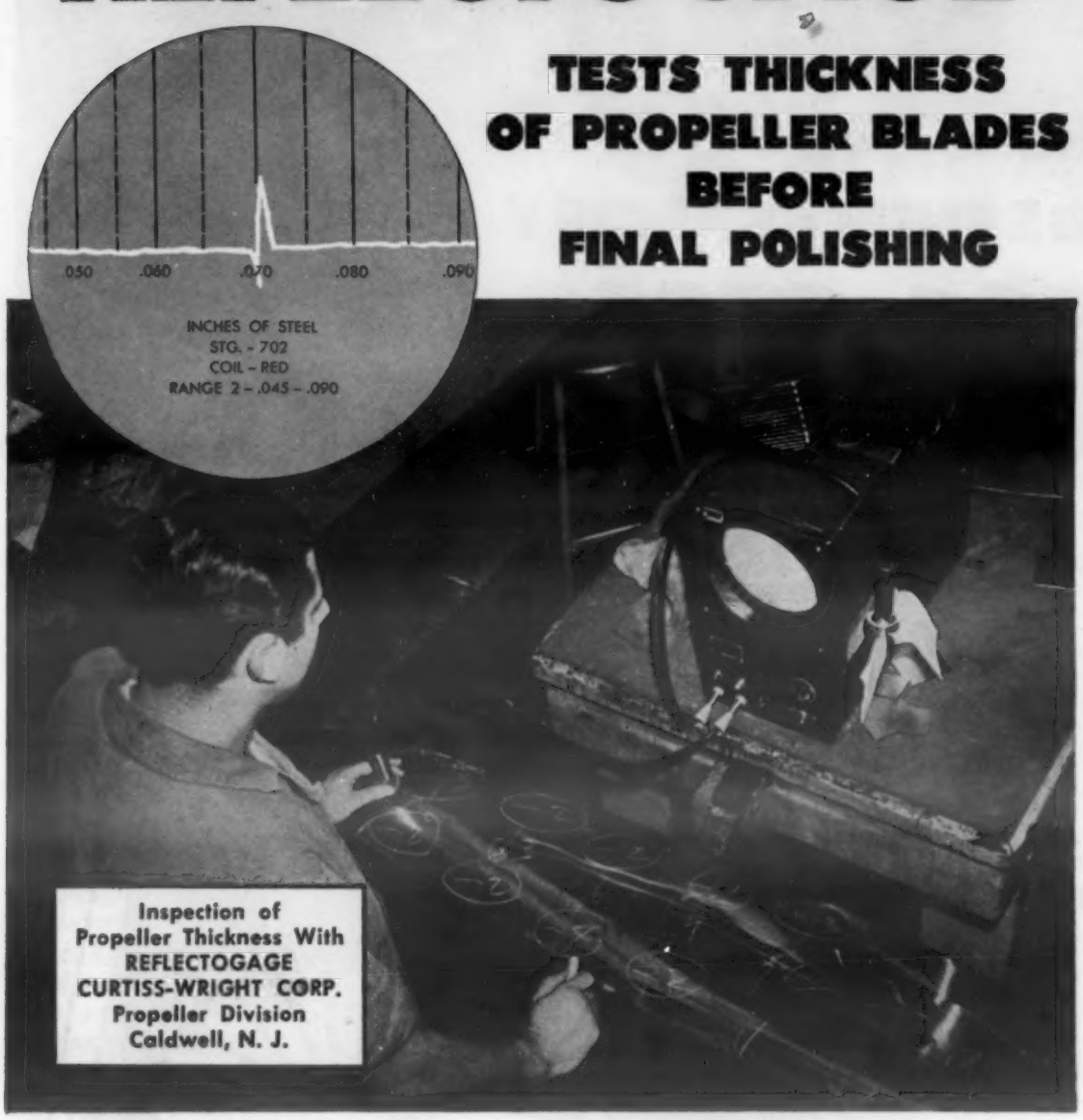


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The *Stevens Institute of Technolo* elected Willis H. Taylor, Jr., as chairma of the Trustees of the College, followin the resignation of Robert C. Stanley aft serving 12 years in this capacity. M Taylor is a member of the New York la firm of Pennie, Edmonds, Morton Barrows.

"Development of the Metal Castin Industry" was selected as one of the "5 Books of the Year" in a competition re cently sponsored by the *Institute of Graphi Arts.* Another award for superior desig and printing was presented by the *Societ of Typographic Arts* to the publishers, th *American Foundrymen's Society,* naming the same book as one of the three bes books produced in the past year.

An industry-wide statistical service has been launched by the *Gray Iron Founders' Society* to obtain monthly figures on production, number of production employees, total payrolls, number of hours worked, etc. E. L. Roth, chairman of the Statistical Committee, announces that 2500 units in the industry have been invited to participate.

Dr. D. S. Frederick, vice president of the Rohn & Haas Co., was elected president of the *Plastic Materials Manufacturers' Assn.* Felix N. Williams, vice president of the Monsanto Chemical Co., was elected vice president of the Association. Re-elected officers were F. H. Carmen, secretary-general manager, and John E. Walker, treasurer.

An exhibition of products being manufactured in Western Germany will be held at the *Museum of Science and Industry,* Rockefeller Plaza, New York, Apr. 9 to 24. The exposition is being sponsored by the Military government. Its purpose is to show the latest German industrial developments in Germany and to stimulate trade between Germany and United States.

New officers of the *Wire Rope Institute,* elected at their recent annual meeting, include David Larkin as president. Mr. Larkin, executive vice president of Broderick & Bascom Rope Co., succeeds E. C. Low, who became chairman of the board. H. C. Parker, Bergen Wire Rope Co., was elected vice president; secretary is W. A. Huber, American Chain & Cable Co.; and treasurer, D. W. Vernon, A. Leschen & Sons Rope Co.

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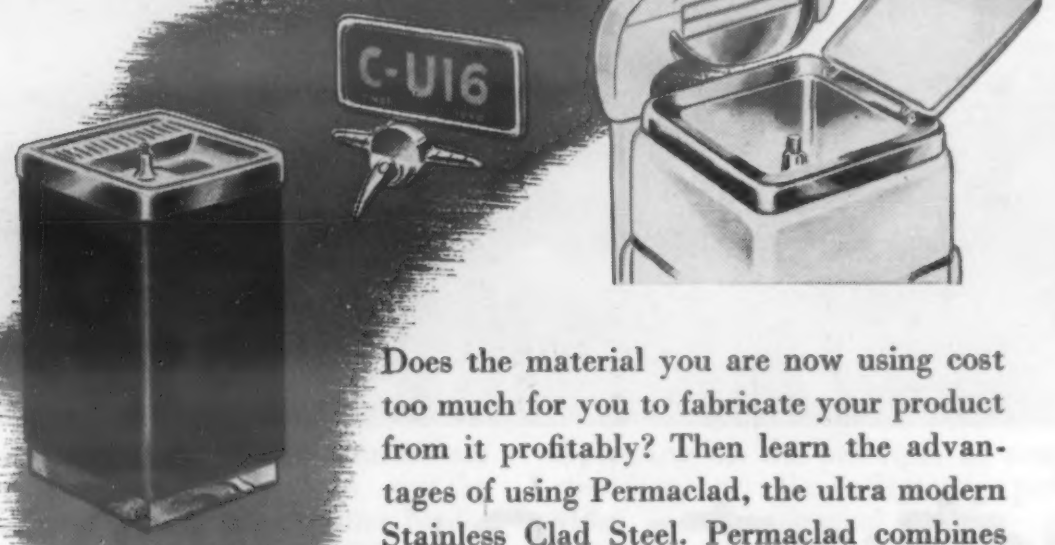


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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, spring meeting. Oklahoma City, Okla. Apr. 20-23, 1949.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF MINING & METALLURGICAL ENGINEERS, Institute of Metals Div., New England regional meeting. Springfield, Mass. Apr. 22-23, 1949.

AMERICAN CERAMIC SOCIETY, national meeting. Cincinnati, Ohio. Apr. 24-28, 1949.

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SOUTHERN MACHINERY & METALS EXPOSITION. Atlanta, Ga. Apr. 25-28, 1949.

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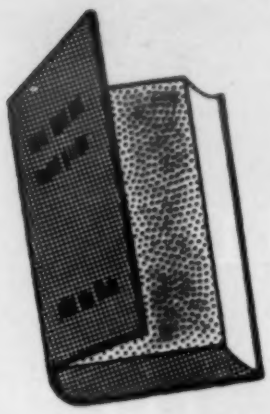

# BOOK REVIEWS

## Engineering Metals and Alloys

ENGINEERING METALS AND THEIR ALLOYS. *By Carl H. Samans. Published by Macmillan Co., New York, 1949. Cloth, 6½ x 9½ in., 913 pages. Price $7.50.* This excellent book is designed to provide a background of metallurgy for all technical men who have to use metallic materials, as well as to serve as a college-level textbook. Production metallurgy, physical metallurgy, and engineering metallurgy are adequately treated in balanced fashion, and the book seems completely up-to-date and authoritative.

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## Other New Books

LIGHT ALLOYS IN THE FOUNDRY (LA FONDERIE DES ALLIAGES LEGERS). *By R. Perret. Paper, 6 x 9¼ in., 165 pages. Price 680 fr. In French.* Light alloy castings, melting, heat treatment, and foundry defects are discussed.

JIGS AND FIXTURES—REVISED FIFTH EDITION. *By F. H. Colvin & L. L. Haas. Published by McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York, 1948. Cloth, 6½ x 9¼ in., 410 pages. Price $4.50.* Data on design and use of jigs and fixtures are given.


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# The Last WORD

by **FRED P. PETERS,** *Editorial Director*

## A V.P. for Materials

We have a lot more respect for vice presidents now that somebody has found a really good use for them. Radio Corp. of America has actually put one of them to work by placing him in charge of a Materials Department. The "lucky" man is Vincent de Paul Goubeau, who has been director of materials for RCA Victor Division since 1945 and has now been elected vice president in charge of the Division's Materials Department.

This materials engineering field is really making progress: first a magazine, then a full college curriculum, and now a vice president. First thing you know there'll even be plenty of materials.

## The Pigs' Tale

Many of us must remember the bedtime routine of counting our baby toes that began: "This little pig went to market. . . ." Today's little tale is about pigs, all right—pigs of metal—but the purpose of *this* one is to awaken rather than to put you to sleep.

For the past several years buyers of metals, especially, let their raw material inventories increase freely. Most materials were relatively scarce and if an extra ton or two could be obtained now it might prevent a tight situation some time later. Also, metal prices were gradually (not always so "gradually," at that) rising, and this provided a practical incentive to acquire added stocks before the price went up again.

Comes now a strange, and upsetting situation. Some metal prices are falling and others are expected to recede. A "disinflation" (if you'll pardon the expression) is underway in raw material prices. No one can be certain that prices will ever be higher; many people are sure they will eventually be much lower.

Therefore, large raw material inventories are now as embarrassing as a letter from a Russian relative. Indeed, some inventories are today considered "large" which in 1947 were referred to as "hand-to-mouth." Purchasers today reject as "still too high" metals at prices they prayed for a year ago. The purchasing agent with the big entertainment expense account of 1946 is now getting it all back from the metal sales people, who believe the golden rule should also apply to lead and zinc (and maybe even copper by the time this is published).

Of course, all this was bound to occur sooner or later. Maybe it's good to complete the readjustment as soon as possible. But one thing is sure: The buyer's market is just around the corner, if indeed it's not already here, and those who want to stay with it may have to take a few refreshers in how to do it, after all these years.

Certainly the days of just sitting back and letting the customer worry are over. We always did have a hunch that, in the end, it was the little pig who went to market that had the roast beef, and the one who stayed home that had none!

## Epitath

*Oh pray for this soul,*
*Which no body hath;*
*He got pickled and bathed*
*In the pickling bath.*

## The Chambersburg "Air Lift"

The Berlin "air lift," which still has the drop on the Russians' blockade of that city, was not the first air lift, by any means. The Ceco-Drop hammer of Chambersburg Engineering Co. employs what the company two years ago called the air lift principle to lift the ram. In other words, the hammer and Ceco brought the air lift to Chambersburg long before the hammer and sickle forced it on Berl[in]. [Ouch!]

## Appendix for April

Stronger powder metallurgy pa[rts] are one of the field's big needs, s[ays] Irving Donohue of Presmet (W[or]cester, Mass.), and his shop is specializ[ing] in strong brass parts and iro[n] parts "impregnated" with copper allo[y] to increase density and mechanic[al] properties. For high shear strengt[h] many parts are made with steel i[n]serts. Chief fascinator (for us, an[y] way): metal powder molds for plast[ic] false teeth, now being mass-produce[d] for assembly into dentures by the de[n]tists themselves. . . .

Now is the time to send congratul[a]tions to Vincent Lysaght of Wilso[n] Mechanical Div., who has just give[n] birth to a bouncing baby book "I[n]dentation Hardness Testing," out [of] Reinhold. It is the last word on th[e] principles and practice of hardne[ss] testing (Rockwell, Brinell, Scleroscop[e] etc.) with sections on nonmetallics a[s] well as metals. . . .

And send some orchids, too, to Ca[rl] Samans, now with Standard Oil o[f] Indiana, in Chicago, for his extraordi[-]nary new text "Engineering Metals an[d] Alloys," published by Macmillan. Thi[s] is evidently Macmillan's competen[t] answer to Frank Sisco's "Modern Metal[-]lurgy for Engineers" under the Pit[-]man imprint, widely used in college courses. A new idea in metal book[s] will be N. E. Woldman's "Materials Engineering of Metal Products," to b[e] published by Reinhold later this year which will analyze the specific materials problems of several widely used products—gears, bearings, electrical parts, lightweight equipment, high-temperature components, etc. . . .

Alex Squire of Westinghouse's Materials Engineering Dept. in E. Pittsburgh cried long and hard on our shoulder recently about the difficulty in finding just-graduating recruits who know their technical stuff, and who are eager to start on some rung of the ladder below the top two or three. And in the same area Lou Carapella of National Lead's Fellowship at Mellon Institute, cited the need for orientation to the adult professional and business world as the young college graduate's greatest need. We think Carapella has the formula for the problem distressing Squire—but it's up to our educators to provide the answer. . . .